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TOO PLUMP AND PRETTY; A CHUBBY CLOWN LEAVES AS A PRINCE;
APRIL 1, 1972; SECRETARIAT WAS WILD; HIS FIRST RACE; DAYS AFTER
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THE RIPPLING JADE OF ELMS; OPENING DAY, SARATOGA; HE JUST
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DARK BEAUTY; YEARS LATER WILL SECRETARIAT REMEMBER; SARATOGA
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KNEW IT WASN'T THEIR SHADOW; BEFORE THE PREAKNESS
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FROM THE PLACE; "YOU KNOW (HE) SORTA LIKE AN AIRPLANE JUST PUT IT
ON THE RUNWAY-WHEN YOU WANT SAND TAKE OFF WOOSH"; THINKING
OF SECRETARIAT AFTER THE PREAKNESS; AFTER THE PREAKNESS, THRU
DRIPPING LARCH AND MAPLES HEADING OUT FROM STALL 41; IT'S LIKE
HE'S NOT REAL; "YOU GET SOME GOOD HOSSES YOU CAN FIGURE
GONNA"; "THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE STANDIN' IN THAT STALL";
ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BELMONT; GLOOMY AND GRAY MORNING;
JUST BEFORE THE BELMONT; ON THE DAY OF THE RACE; HOURS BEFORE
THEY ANNOUNCED; JUST BEFORE POST TIME
AS THE GATES CRASHED

Sommario/riassunto

"This full arc of life-bigger than imagination in a raging fire-is set on paper by a poet obsessed with beauty, hooves, and the passion of flight....In Lifshin's language, spare yet metaphorically profound, we enter into that animal grace that only a true poet can convey, as we race on from poem to poem, joining Secretariat in triumph-'not for a win but a coronation.'" --Laura Chester
AS THE DAYS GET LONGER the horse dreams of flying in the air like a gust of wind on an abandoned Christmas tree, red exploding like a spurt of light
