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Sports Radio

Don't care,
don't care
if Mark Bellhorn is batting
seventh or eighth, if Alan Embree
has lost a little off his fastball and
should be kept off the playoff roster.

Care, don't care about a lot and
not caring sinks me deeper into
the afternoon drive time of
Lefty and the Sportz Nutz only
to hear voices, something that
means nothing to me, voices
shouting over each other and Bruce
from the Cape thinks Lefty is a
moron for thinking the team even has
a shot this year.

Don't care, don't care, don't care
and someday I will again but for
now I need the voices to take
up the empty space and I'll never
care that Ed from Everett thinks
Danny should package the seventeenth
pick in the draft to go after a lottery
slot and still I listen eight,
ten, twelve hours a day because
the shouting and voices that mean
nothing to me are better than the
emptiness and better than believing
I deserve to hear voices I'll
enjoy and boy
if that
third line
isn't enough to take us to
the conference finals this year
we are going to run these bums
out of town.

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