



New York State Testing Program

English

Language Arts

Listening Selection

Grade

8

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***The Parrot Who Says He's Sorry
(and Means It, Maybe)***

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by Jeffrey M. Masson

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