

This 1888 photo released by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston shows Helen... holding Sullivan's handand cradling one of her beloved dolls. (New England Historic Genealogical Society-Boston)

"The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus-the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man. ...Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people."

-Helen Keller