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"From the moment the prosecution rested, the whole tone of the trial changed. Outside, the pavement was still hot enough to vaporize a splash of water, but something like a breath of fresh air had found its way into the courtroom." (S. Miller 204).

The mood of the previous trials have been suspenseful and frustrating on Lizzie's behalf. However during this trial, Lizzie Borden's lawyer, lawyer Jennings gave it his all to defend her innocence, which in turn made Lizzie very emotional, and pushed her to show her true mettle and see the hope of her innocence proven. The phrase 'Outside the pavement, ... into the courtroom' indicates that even in the difficulties, light can be found within, and not everything is as bad as it seems.

"Lizzie Borden" sat with red eyes and trembling lips, ... and finally retreating in grief and tears, behind her fan." (194). In contrast too, ...

"Lizzie Borden, ... talked brightly with her lawyers, the conversations punctured with smiles and ripples of laughter" (204). There's been a clear shift of psychological behavior for Lizzie, as well as those involved, in the trial.

