

A Deaf Man

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Billy had crystal blue eyes
A small mouth
And long hair to cover up his
Hearing aids.

He told me once, with his hands
How he liked to submerge
His head in water and yell

So loud he could feel it.
"I can hear myself that way," he signed.

"What does it sound like?"

He smiled and whispered with his lips,
"A Deaf man."

