

“There Will Come Soft Rains” –Ray Bradbury

**Title’s Importance or Meaning:** This title has two meanings: 1) It is the title of the favourite poem of the woman who used to live in the house. The poem talks about how nature would carry on whether man were around or not. 2) At the end of the story, “soft rains” come to douse the flames that have destroyed the house.

**Main Characters:** McClellan family      dog  
house                                      robot mice

**protagonist:** house (technology)

**antagonist:** family / elements (nature)

**conflict:** technology vs. nature

**plot summary:** There has been a nuclear war, and everyone is dead. All that remains is one house in the entire city. Although the family is gone, the house (which is automated) carries on as though nothing has changed. Toward the end of the story a fire ignites inside the house, and the house is unable to control it. Only the rain manages to douse the fire, but it is too late. The house is destroyed.