

OBSERVATIONS

Creamers,
Unopened in a bowl.
Wrapped silver.
Half glass water.
Refilling coffee.
Ashtray on newly sealed novel.
Cigarette burning.
Smoke in eyes.
Keys and lip balm.
On the table.

Elbow resting on,
Half off.
Blown ashes.
Cigarette in mouth.
Burning smoke nostril.
Hand over book.
Pen in hand.
Aching wrist.
Too tight grip.

Shelf over shoulder.
Sugar.
Salt.
Pepper.
Pictures of pie.
Stuffed dog toy—
For sale.

Smoke in lungs.
Blackening.
Tar.
Nicotine.
Death.

Old man's laughter.
Seat in a booth.
Two person.
One empty.
Cop walking.
Waitress listening.
Empty counter.

Smoke in air.
Fat man leaning back
Resting fat arms.
Wife in distress.

Butting out.
Filling ashtray.
Waitress walking—
Carrying food.
Booster seats empty.
Cooling coffee.
Hanging lamps.
Radio dead.
Commercials from kitchen.
Faulty circuit flashing
Orange light for coffee.
Customers paying.
Mumbled conversation.
Clock ticking.

Lighting new smoke.
Seven in a tray.
Long curly hair.
Over-worn uniform.
Straining wrist.
Cramping hand.
Green and silver pen.
Thinking of elders
And intellect.
Itch on leg.

Diagnol across—
Red ketchup
Lined in rows.
Sunny mustard beside.
Straws in a box.
Tray half seen.
Wall concealing.
New patrons at counter.
Waitress with glasses.
Coffee dying.
Cars humming.
People seating.

Annoying itch on leg.

Sipping cold black tar coffee.
Thinking of movie.
Itch on other leg.
Waitress rushing.
Coffee brewing.
Girls passing.
Cute.
Nice asses.

Pen describing.
Cars driving.
Lights flashing.
Horns sounding.
Siren wailing.
Streets crowding.

Darkness falls.
Businesses close.
People sleep.
Cops drink.

Midnight passes.
Jets fly.
Moon silver shines.
Bass booms loudly.
Trucks small car tailgate.

Cities rest.
Coffee gets colder.
Working tomorrow.

Nasty cold coffee.
Tongue retracts.
Smoke dead in tray.
Pen still working.

Orange covered in black
Shining through ash
Burning white paper.
Yellow filtered death.

Ink running paper.
Caffeine in coffee.
Static radio annoyance.
Eyes drift,

Sleep curses men.
Coffee far too cold.