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ROLLING ROCK

I go to the bars to watch the people
that I don't know. I sit by myself,
order Rolling Rocks until last call,
and think about whether they think
of me. I've seen groups that shimmy
to non-dancing songs, like wind chimes
that clamor when the back door
slams shut. There are women
who buy drinks for men, undeterred
by wedding rings and hand-holding,
needing something just for tonight
and not tomorrow. They are regulars,
like me now. I've been coming too often,
my friends say, but it's hard to stop
once you've started, like a rolling rock.

I go to the bars to watch the people.