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"You can sit here as long as you like."
said the waitress with the western smile
as she dropped the check
on the hardwood counter.

We ate cactus and corn chowder,
took long sips of cool beer,
and talked about the summer.
My index finger traced the circle
left on the bar by the glass, and
I looked at you in the diamond dust mirror
and smiled.

Earlier, the waitress had sprayed
a flashlight beam on the mirror
making the diamond chips sparkle
like sun on spring snow.

"This here is diamond dust,"
said the woman.
"Guaranteed never to fade
or grow dull."

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