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Here I Am

Joyce Greenfield New York.

It'salmost midnight. I'm sitting at the counter of Edward Hopper's café.

I'm not alone.

Other patrons are here, too, eachone in aglass cage.

I've been here before. Many times.

The coffee isn't great but it's OK.

I've learned to add a few more teaspoons of sugar and a lot of milk to make the bitterness go away.

I can't leave this café.

If I walk out I may find the whole world is now an Edward Hopper painting

and the time is always an Edward Hopper Sunday morning.