A man entered the café
with his girlfriend
She was rather bold
    in her manner
He had a Chaplinesque
    way about him
They were both wearing
baseball caps
    and the same
chocolate colored T-shirts

Their arrival
conveyed the impression
that all
that was once worthwhile
    in the world
    was finished
“We are just biding time”
    was the insinuation

They showed
    enthusiasm
for the coffee and cake
    however
when it was delivered to their table
    and ate in gulps

he asked her a question
that could not be overheard

She shook her head “No”
and brought up
    the fork with
    the piece of cake
Then it seemed as though he was asking the same question again and she shook her head “No” while tasting the cake.

The moon outside the front windows of the building was a crescent and tilted slightly as they gazed upon it fixedly and then the scene was deliberately confused by the sudden appearance of fog across the windows.

The couple sat chin in cupped hand resembling a Picasso blue period painting.

The room after Van Gogh contained a pool table in the center and hanging lamps spiraling with the vibrant colors of yellow and green.

Outside the windows the dense fog had been made yellow and green by the reflected head lights of the passing cars.
I forgot to tell you
about the clock on the shelf
The one that hung above the street
and was presided over
by the black cat
with the matted fur
that lived
not far beneath the building
off the scraps
from the kitchen fare

the woman
with the baseball cap
resembled the cat
in a similar
lurking attitude
and cast her eye
upon the clock
with folded arms:
“We will just wait and see….”

The fog before the windows
had begun to clear
A reddish glow
came upon everything
and permeated everything
at the same time

Crowds of people
entered the sight
like vipers
in all shapes and sizes
as though
the reddish glow
becoming solid enough
to break apart
had turned into groups of humans (?)
    animated and strange

The glass
in the doors and windows
    did not seem to hinder them

They were able
to walk right through

The man and woman
    with baseball caps
were more annoyed
than alarmed
and pretended that
nothing much had changed

The clock
ticked above the street
the cat meowed…..

After awhile
the reddish tone
and the frenetic pace
    abated
It was dark and foggy again
    and the place was left empty
save for the couple
still drinking coffee
and eating their chocolate cake