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3 O'CLOCK BEAUTY

In her apron and shorts

Short hair not much style
She's 35 works for tips
Sleeps days hasn't tanned all summer

Takes her an hour and a half to get ready

Foundation-Blush-Lipstick-Eyeliners-Perfume

Husband says she looks like a whore

Hair on his shoulders Bourbon breath
She doesn't wear a bra

He sleeps on the couch
She puts spray in her hair paints her fingernails

Gets to dinner by midnight

They stumble in from bars

All of them - the men - young drunks - her fans

Kiss her with looks holler when she passes

Never any empty tables after Last Call

They talk to her all night flirt

Slap her on the ass Call her mama

Call her baby sweetheart beautiful honey lovely hotstuff gorgeous

Tell her she's stunning

Tell her to keep the change

The sun rises while she walks home

Finds tears in her eyes Don't know why

No one notices as she passes

Gets home slips out of her clothes

Looks at her naked body in the mirror

Tells herself

I love you.