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Oxford Bar*

Today every Irishman wants rebellion
and gets it. The rain keeps us here. We toast
every bad patron painting on the wall.
We call the Indians here Irish
because they rebelled and lost
against the loss of land.
Outside weather makes this Dublin.
The bartender stops serving us.
We rebel. We lose. The paintings say
take pride in the hard life of losing.

The rain has stopped. This is not Dublin.
The bartender still won't serve us. We leave,
say the hell with rebellion,
we're not good with loss.

for Mike Craig