

## EARRINGS AT THE EAR INN

I had trouble hearing at the Ear  
Inn what with the World  
Cup flickering over the bar  
stools the men raised  
voices pints while you  
stood and read and leant  
into the bug-like mike  
to teach Kafka dedicated  
to your friend Karen summer  
class at Saint Francis twenty  
RNs reading *The Metamorphosis*  
"He's not a cockroach!" you  
yell over Argentina vs. Ivory  
Coast we keep score poet  
one fans slam and we crayon  
paper table cloths red Crayolas  
roll over the stick man's tear  
drop earrings GOAL!

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