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## CACTUS BLUES

*Joe Lewis*

Sitting in the middle of Nowhere, Texas  
Sun-bleached adobe surrounded by sand  
Home of cool shadows in a pastel desert

Cactus Jack's crouches low in the bright sun  
Inviting travelers from the faded highway  
And catching tumbleweeds in mid-cliché

The wind whistles a lonely melody  
Blowing dust and dryness through the windows  
As the cracked walls breathe in slow sighs

And the neon sky keeps bleeding heat  
And the saguaros pose for postcards  
And Cactus Jack's, lazy with the heat, daydreams