

Coffee Bar

Every table is taken
as I walk in—some
with women sitting alone,
others with men sitting alone.
I ask myself how many
would like to go
to one of the tables where
a member of the opposite sex
sits—or where a member
of the same sex sits
for that matter—take a chair;
start a conversation?
How many are wishing
that someone would sit down
across from them
and offer a pleasant greeting?

I look around again.
But nobody has moved.

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