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which was her claim to fame.

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she had astringent open-air door,
customers waited sometimes in line
To ply their usual trade.

You'd hear a loud yell and echo
the quiet still of day or night
Some came back out humble, quiet
Others custom, and on the tight.

No one for long escaped her.
She was silent like a thief.
Also knew in time, you'd visit
If not for welfare, for what!

Each time the drift bull bunk
Your trips were some delayed
Memories kept you waiting.
As fast as your mind replayed.

Sure, you'd carefully try to miss
That slick, waiting on the seat
For grab felt like a bear trap
Was both split and tried to meet.

You'd think you had it mastered.
For at times, all seemed well.
'Til Ol Pinch Bottom, took revenge,
Raised your voice into a yell.

The rest of time she was ignored.
At least, no one tried to fix
With a smile, waited for strangers
Was almost like playing tricks.

While another unsuspecting victim came
'To sit jauntily upon the throne.
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