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I'm sitting in my usual spot

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I'm sitting in my usual spot, waiting for my friend
Tea is stewing, coffee brewing, this cafes so on trend
in walks a little lady, she's bent and rather old
I'd like a coffee dear, she says, with warm milk please not cold.

Cappuccino, latte, full fat or is it skinny
Barista looks quite cool despite the linen pinny.
The Mochas good, or macchiato, praps with a slice of cake.
We do a mean hot chocolate, with a nutty almond flake.
Or how about espresso, I can do a double shot
If your looking for a take away, we can make it extra hot.

Just a coffee please she says, no not take away
Have you ever tried afogato, it's our special of the day.
We do a fab Brazilian blend, the regulars all drink
Maybe with some sour dough or a cup cake, they're so gloriously pink.
Just coffee dear will do she says, beginning now to sag
Our avocado smash is good, though I wouldn't want to brag.

She's leaning on the counter now, seemingly worn out
By all the things on offer, that this man is trying to tout
Have you ever tried the Oat milk, much richer and quite creamy
I can top it off with froth for you, to keep it warm and steamy
Or maybe soya, healthy too because it's made with bean
It goes well with a cheesy scone, or maybe jam and cream?

I really just want coffee, and a little time to stop
Of course he says, some sugar, chocolate sprinkles on the top?
I've changed my mind I'll have a tea, she says now looking cross
Earl grey, green, oolong, ir yellow or what about rooiboss ?
Would you like it with some lemon, or Jasmine you could try?

I'm 95, i want a drink before I faint or die.

I'll make it really simple, some water will suffice

Still or sparkling, Evian or the Badoits nice with ice
I give up, please don't bother I've had enough she sighs
Well really there's no pleasing some, The cheeky Barista replies !!