

# Faith

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the next one sidles up, her skirt showing legs straight  
as a daisy stem. you spread your arms crucifixion-  
style along the back of the booth, your face glittered  
with piercings, your pint halfway, your pool cue  
standing to attention. she displays her teeth and the soft  
flesh under her clavicle. she tilts onto your lap, rests  
her bangled arm across your shoulders. she says jukebox  
mixers singular. you do not say. she presses out her lips,  
eyes the cue. a better option winks past and she slips  
off your lap and back into the fray. your leather jacket  
zip has left a row of teethmarks on her arm. your gaze  
flickers, then you look around for the next one and

