

this is the best pub in the world

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it's the din of chat in a city centre boozier
a backstreet snug that only locals know
it's a seafront bar with a view out on the ocean
the early morning tavern where the market traders go

it's a desi pub, so pick a sizzling chicken tikka,
test your taste buds to the limit with a spicy vindaloo
there's crisps and scratchings if you're peckish, or hanker for
tradition,
cheese cobs washed down with a pint or two

it's got funky mismatched sofas and a bar made from mahogany
a DJ in the back room playing northern soul
there's a dart board in the corner and the garden's full of sunshine
and the front room's going mental when their team score another
goal

all your friends are there, and someone's got the round in
and the craic is purely mighty, and the atmosphere is great
the bar staff have the banter, and it's hours until last orders
it's home to first dates, slaked thirsts, bawdy wakes

and here, by the window where the light falls golden,
there is silence, if that's the thing you're looking for
reflect, or do a crossword, sip your drink in contemplation
this is the best pub in the world, and it's got it all

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