

## **Roadside Restaurant**

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Under the tables  
stray dogs silently pester.

A girl brings food.  
The dogs lick titbits

rhythmically from our fingers.  
As we eat, something stirs

in the dark of the highway's edge -  
shadows, unshod.

A hand lifts the lid of a bin  
peers in, lifts another.

Like fireflies eyes flit.  
The guard by our coach

does not flinch,  
his hand on his holster.