

Texas Overture

Pere Ubu

Wild flowers n gravel pit towers,
Pecan-smoke 2 meat barbecue.
Shotgun shack by the roadside,
Blacktop Texas is everything it will be.
Loop road tornadas, hand grown tomatas -
Post Office Lady, Flatonia Next Right.
Two horses noddin at a leafless tree,
waitin in vain to be taken from the rain.
Black Sky crow is walking on the road,
walking on the road.
Pine Forest Cablevision.
Apartment Now Leasin.
Pop-a-Top Beverage & Bait Barn.
Fireworks - Buy One Get Five Free.
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Kreuz's is the king on the Lockhart rail line -
Hall full of trestle tables,
Fat soaked butcher paper,
beans sauerkraut soda pop beer.
Rough paper hand towels in a roll on a stick sittin
upright on every table in the joint.
Water fountain bags of chips german tata salad,
jalapenos in a brown bowl.
The fires in the pit have never been put out.
Old Texas lady slicin beef brisket,
faded floral print dress covered by an apron.
Is that enough? she says.
She knows.
No, I say, more please.
Butcher paper one knife no fork white bread -
Vegetarians Exit Now Please.
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No Teeth Barbecue, Rockdale, Texas -
Man in the window watches crop dusters next door.
If I lived in Hutto I'd nearly be home now.
Out among the farm roads,
headin for the county line,
lookin for the water towers, bringin in the sheaves -
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Thelma's in Houston is closed on Sunday.
Best catfish in all the state of Texas.
The meat's pulled from the pit at the stroke of noon.
Line grows long in a shack in an urban field sittin in
the shadows of the chrome.
Man in a big hat born into a black suit says, Pass a
menu if you would please.
One slab of ribs, one pound any Meat.
Whole chicken 1/2 chicken ham ribs links beef.
Green beans pinto beans tata salad cole slaw,
Okra dirty rice or yams.
2 slices white bread sealed in a ziplock.
Peach sweet potato apple/lemon chocolate butter pie,
Cheese peppers soda or tea.
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Salt Lick in Driftwood is no beer family style -
3 meat platter bowl of beans slaw tata salad,
Onions pickles two slices white bread Texas style.
Order in order out order online,
Order by mail fax toll free anytime.
The waitress is a middle age ex-hippie chick,
who's found her a life in a hill country family
schtick.
Honey you will not leave eatin only that much.
Bottomless refills more meat more beans whole lotta
slaw please.
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