

Seanan McGuire

"Jack's Place"

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You know that happy hour's over at three;
And the songs that Cinderella sings are so sublime --
They say the happy is expensive but the ever after's
free.
Come on down to Jack's Place and see.
Goldie tends the bar from six o'clock until we close;
She's the girl who likes to listen to the stories no one
knows.
You can tell her all your secrets, you can keep her up all
night,
And no matter what you say, she'll always tell you that's
just right...
The little mermaid's got no voice, but you should hear
her play;
She runs her hands across the ivories like the fog
across the bay.
She'll play anything you ask for, what she doesn't
know, she'll fake,
She's the poster-child for all the crazy chances that we
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Prince Charming works the morning shift, he makes the
ladies swoon;
He never lacks for company, at midnight or at noon.
He won't promise to be faithful, but he has an angel's
smile,
He's not Mister Ever After; he's just Mister For A While...
It's Cindy on the stage tonight, with gold dust in her
hair;
She favors blue jeans over ball gowns, and her feet are
always bare.
Her carriage turned into a pumpkin, but she says she
doesn't mind,

She's the poster-child for all the happy endings we can find...

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It's Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, and Jack who brought us here,

A place for what endures when simple answers disappear.

He says he knows the fugitives by something in their eyes;

While he just might tell you stories, he won't ever tell you lies...

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