what I like most about the Irish pub is the music. There is often a band or a bespoke act and when you enter, you are immediately enveloped by lilting tunes and the clatter of cutlery, the occasional harmonica, and the joyous verse of a song. The music is a constant, a heartbeat that never stops, from the traditional airs to more modern renditions. The music is, in many ways, the soul of the pub. I have noticed that even if you are a stranger, the music and the people it brings together are always welcoming.

Yet, there is a moment in the evening that I find particularly poignant. This is when the official time is supposed to be eleven p.m. This is a moment of reflection, a pause in the relentless pace of evening. It is a moment when the pub itself, with its various activities—dances, fairs, elections, football matches— darkness is truly felt. It is a moment when the music and the din come to a halt, and the pub is at peace, just waiting for the next day.

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