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Edward Hopper, in a realist vision, saw an America still young and booming but already hardened by experience. Nighthawks (1942), one of his best-known works, reveals his simple obsession with geometry and light in its clean lines and angles and in the harsh contrast between the fluorescent lighting of the diner and the city darkness outside it. It is within this manifold darkness of dim shapes and slashing shadows that both the viewer and the painter stand. The four people pictured in the restaurant pay little attention to each other despite their proximity, evoking a mood of gritty isolation in a country already lonely, wary, and vigilant. Flow cytometry, with its methodological use of fluorescence, is the subject of an article in this issue by Beres et al.

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