

**Working ~ Worksheet 6: Week 7, pp. 263~241:  
Hots Michaels, Bar Pianist, pp.250~252**



**I hate to quote Wikipedia but this tells us what we need to know: ‘A piano bar (also known as a **piano lounge**) Consists of a piano or electronic keyboard played by a professional musician, located in a cocktail lounge, bar, Hotel lobby, office building lobby, restaurant, or on a cruise ship. Usually the pianist receives tips in a jar or basket on or near the piano, especially from patrons requesting a song.’**

- 1. Hots plays ‘As Time Goes By’. What’s the story with this song? What’s the background? Is this how Hots sees himself?**
- 2. ‘Late business is a thing of the past’. Sounds like night clubs stayed open later, had more going on into the night than they do at the time of this interview – late 60s, early 70s. ‘...and I think there’s a little bit of fear’. Any thoughts?**
- 3. Does he enjoy being a bar pianist? Is he in it for the money?**
- 4. What is involved in dealing with ‘a drinking public’ ?**
- 5. Is he frustrated by playing to people who are rude, who don’t listen to his music, seldom tip?**
- 6. Write about Hots’ personality and find a photograph of someone you think might look like him and add it to your description. Here’s one**



**NEXT: Nancy Rogers, Bank teller, pp.257~263**