The phonetician might present a different slant
on this discrimination of vowels
Though both are monophthongs
the lax vowel “i” in “bit” occurs only in a closed syllable
while its counterpart
the tense vowel “i” in “beet” is more versatile
occurring in both a closed and open syllable
I might add that either vowel
would force the speaker
or the doer of the action
to bare his or her front teeth

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