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Discarded candy wrappers s t r e w n  
on a dirty street  
My mouth filled with the aftertaste  
of something sticky - sweet.

The aroma of impending frost  
furtively FILLS my being  
as the memory of sun-scorched skin  
steadily begins f l e e i n g.

Syrupy samples of cider  
tasted and treasured outside the o l d m i l l  
as chilled fingers clutch warm donuts  
while tongues test the season's first thrill.

Enveloped in gray skies  
as we s t r o l l past an old graveyard gate,  
forgotten names from cr a c k e d headstones  
silently mourn their lonely fate

Drives through the misty country  
on a d e l i c i o u s l y L A Z Y Sunday  
where lively leaves conTRAST blank skies  
before the snow steals Fall's beauty away.