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Discarded candy wrappers strewn 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 fleeing.

Syrupy samples of cider
tasted and treasured outside the old mill
as chilled fingers clutch warm donuts
while tongues test the season's first thrill.

Enveloped in gray skies
as we roll past an old graveyard gate,
forgotten names from cracked headstones
silently mourn their lonely fate

Drives through the misty country
on a deliciously lazy Sunday
where lively leaves contrast blank skies
before the snow steals Fall's beauty away.