

## Kiss

*by Flora Shrode*

Proof that a little can go  
a long way.

A familiar treat--  
sweet, smooth, evokes  
memory and desire  
reflected like light on the  
creased silver wrapper.

The delicate labeled tag  
opens an idea, possibility  
beneath a gentle tug.

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