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Tongue Depressor

Her touch is like a smoke-stoned bee, Philandering from tree to tree. She lifts you, frisks you, flits away—Your heart, a nibbled fish fillet, Puts forth the plaintive, pointless cry That never did her lips imply The danger of her tongue's connections, short-lived, whimsical affections. Lovely-eyed porch step transgressor, She's a wooden tongue depressor.

-Tom Hankinson '02