

THE SWEETEST SCENT

The question recently was posed to me:
“If you were asked to pick the best
of scents that smell most pleasantly
which one would rise above the rest?”

Initial thoughts that filled my head
and prompted me to first reply
were doughy smells of fresh-baked bread
and vapors from hot apple pie.

The next delights that came to mind
were sweet aromas noses find
from fruit trees blooming in the spring
and tundra flowers blossoming.

Top nominees include the scent
of spices from the Orient.
And better yet, one steep step up,
fresh-roasted coffee in my cup.

But when comparisons are done
one scent is clearly Number One.
The sweetness of it is unique:
Warm puppy breath against my cheek.

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