TENDER

Well dressed, hair styled, standing away
From the curb a couple is kissing the kiss
Of a couple in their thirties on the way
To the theater, dinner with friends, a
Lecture. Children home with in-laws
A baby sister. A couple kissing. Tender
Martin and Coretta Scott King. Kissing
Moneta Sleet, Junior’s camera is discrete
As if he was at that moment Cartier Bresson
Happening upon an intimate display of
Affection. Husband and wife out on the town.
Black and elegant and tender. Their humanity
On display in such a way as to seem
Revolutionary
(for Evers)

O, kissing is hard
(if as center'd as s
    tars (face off
in t' moat black
ights (sigh, moan is sing-
ing estranged
routes: C
    us
    sin' up a storm (letters halve it
f' m' (for short)
un known captives lean into
    i
    s
sing continents double A' rican
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    r
    i
HeadLands to mouth skin
    a
t
    e
    s e p a r a t e but equal drawl
In one breath
(feverish tempest)

How deep we'll never know

C & K went
B & X, M & M (for ever
    i
    s
s...is...sip...pi...
    ss'id
got dam “On the way to the
too much lip theater,
or never enough dinner with... (Barack & Michelle O...)

e v o l u t i o n
    o “their humanity on...(diss-play)
    v
    e “husband and wife...(well dressed, hair styled, standing away)
one way 2 line up “as if...(hussing, then came_______with the baby carriage)
to standing a library dedicated to African Diaspora

standing in a library where the links bring together

broken chains memory? Moms Mabley

a famous couple kissing a famous couple kissing
like couples kissing famous or not (Michelle & Barack)

this September when the harvest comes and the blank
winds blow harder harder harder on a population

busy seeking comfort or running South running

Towards a comfort suspect as the perfect hair on the candidates

heads.

Leaning
leaning into the ripe lips of lovers few or plenty

leaning leaning

Leaning
Eye

g

troop text: O hell nO!  (J peg to P.

d' f' attachment...shake spear)
in'

out word smacking o compression (wo

manning impact & reception a bus

y the smooch err...  RustinK

ing's forest'd mouth path

a fist of letters b lackey e mail'd

from ______jail sealed

envelope kiss is sip i spy tale in

deep throat abuse grab lap make up

top list bottom brass hacks i d' face

p

return to center

surefire shoulder views widows stoic a head shot

woe is me my mourning glory a soft focus

rainbow shell'd veil hood eye

bodies portray fond pro file

love in ceremonial light o gun civil

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hate taste

my beat

heart rouge may bleed mom come pat mouth

rose mighty arm rise per sona ly em brace

desperate moaning “Ju... lie mask scary

das’song (une bacio) “bradass” free press skittles

(Eye been meaning to talk to you... cry me a river)
kissing

discover a memory that is not a memory

Martin and Coretta an image unexpected
kissing

flash silver

oh Sleet Jr.

tender is