

² Thirteen years after the company was founded, a Sydney promoter ran a competition to see what people thought the name KISS might mean. The winning entry was Kangaroos in Silk Stockings. The all Australian KISS which returned to Europe in 1983 actually used the presumed meaning for a brief period.

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SYMPOSION — PAESTUM

They are drinking
With garlands
Pipes and lyres.
One
Cherishes his boyfriend
Long fingers arching, electric, delicate
Behind the contentious head.
Another
Twists on a couch, the torso
Up on an elbow, thrust
Of archaic beard.
What is it? What's happening? News?
They are alert as dynamite
Instant as fleas.
Hard to accept
They've been painted on this tombstone
Twenty-five hundred years.