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Take your time
the way you eat
chocolate—

often and with
a lot of slow
savoring—

so even if
you're caught off
guard and taken

by surprise
down some tunnel
toward a light

that may or may
not be God's
heavenly spread,

you've still got
the thick sweet
aftertaste.



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