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The chocolate-covered caramels have misbehaved again.
This morning I had lined them up,
three rows of white coating
beside three rows of brown.
So innocently they sat on their shiny, white tray.
But now I know they were waiting, like schoolboys,
for teacher to turn away;
some brown candies have toppled into some white.
Bringing order to my chaotic class,
I place them back where they belong,
carefree caramels,
color-blind.

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