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I take the gift
with both hands,

the Chinese way
of being polite,

unwrap the foil
without tearing it,

after you've left,
and break

each dark square,
let it melt slow

down my fingers
and throat.

—Timothy Liu