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2nd Place Tie Short Story Winner

It's a Willy Wonka dream—

fields of apple licorice strands
wisteria trees with cotton candy flower fronds
perfumed puffs of purple citrus
rivers of boysenberry syrup
brownie crumble mulch

Sugar sweet, he holds my hand

we are dazed
confused

It's a dream—

I look at him and his eyes, verdant gumdrops,
sparkle under sprinkle starlight
The sun is a chocolate gold coin radiating bubblegum warmth
He points

I look
a field of sugar flowers and peppermint petals

We reach the field

he lays me down
worships at the shrine of my lemon curd thighs