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There's something about cream cheese
that eases even rage:
so smooth, it fills each toasted
crag and softens what was baked to
jagged crust. And when you chew,
it melts like honey butter freshened
by some dew and makes you suck,
so slowly, like a child
when milk is new.

What is it about cream cheese
that evens out the rage?
While sages may ponder,
I spread this hard-baked bread
smooth, smoothing out the edge.

Joannie Liesenfelt