

What if

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On the back of the MBTA bus  
An ad for Devil Dogs complete  
With photos of “vanilla-flavored  
Crème sandwiched between two  
Fun-shaped Devil’s Food cakes”  
Exclaims “*Yes please!*” urging us  
To “*listen to our cravings*” which is  
To say consume whatever we imagine  
Might fill the hungry ghost of fear  
That dwells in each of us living  
In this land of plenty where more is  
Never quite enough: but what if  
Craving became longing for something  
Of another order, and what if we instead  
Said “Yes” to prisoners, lepers, refugees,  
And what if we might someday learn  
To let this moment be enough,  
This naked twig, this autumn sky,  
This bird in flight, this drifting leaf.