

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.