Reminders
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You are like a summer day away from the city following a hectic collection of nine to fives;
Overgrown iridescent leaves and bicycle bells echoing
Divine devotion to simplicity and laughter and freedom;
A picnic blanket soaked in blood of the fruit we eat, so sweet.

You are yellow-toned Christmas lights decorating a snow covered home,
The warmth from the chimney attacking my frosty pink cheeks.
The crisp taste of wine after a dinner crafted from scratch
With the smell of burning wax circulating through delightful conversation.

You are the nostalgic yet vivid image of a chalkboard decorated in looped handwriting,
Bright yellow number two pencils with worn down erasers.
Sliced apples, candy hearts, gradient tiling, talcum powder;
The feeling of a community, comfort, creativity, capability.

You are a grocery store at one in the morning.
A euphoric experience transporting you to a new dimension; the same as before, but different.
Empty aisles barren from Pepsi-Cola labeling and herded sheep,
The vibrant display of produce is unveiled and becomes clear for the first time.

You are when I notice the beauty in something I hadn’t before.