

# dates

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yesterday  
you brought me  
some pitted dates

stuffed with Point  
Reyes blue cheese  
my favorite

and on top  
of each  
an almond

but deep in work and worry  
all i saw was interruption  
and glared with annoyance

the affection between us  
thrown askew  
in the space of a look

a seemingly  
minor moment  
but life is

lived in little moments  
built on little choices  
and we miss out on it

one little plate  
of pitted dates  
at a time