

A haiku quintet

**What If?**

counterfactual  
ghosts lurk this reality,  
shadows of what-if

on my one-way trip  
no other course would lead through  
life's maze of crossroads

untaken pathways  
would have mapped my route  
to some other place

my choices have touched  
those of myriad others  
these tangled decades

alternate beings  
died at the blind corner of  
This or That



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