

My Favorite Word

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There is one word –
My favorite –
The very, very best.
It isn't No or Maybe,
It's Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes, YES!

“Yes, yes, you may,” and
“Yes, of course,” and
“Yes, please help yourself.”
And when I want a piece of cake,
“Why, yes. It's on the shelf.”

Some candy? “Yes.”
A cookie? “Yes.”
A movie? “Yes, we'll go.”

I love it when they say my word:
Yes, Yes, YES! (Not No.)

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