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The letters were found somewhere in the Atlantic, netted and drawn from the water like any load of fish – or maybe the people on the boat saw the plastic shopping bag bobbing like a buoy.

The contents of the bag: hundreds of letters addressed to the Lord, some typed, some written neatly on initialed stationery, others scribbled on lined paper, a grocery list for God.

I wonder if the letter-writers expected replies, some dramatic communiqué via angels or plagues, or something more direct, even playful, an epistle in a bowl of alphabet soup: **EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY.**

How the letters landed in the Atlantic is still a mystery. What if searching for God in the sky was all wrong? What if we should seek Him in water? Every bath a true cleansing, even rain a reassurance.

Jayme Hughes, 2009