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Abstract

MORAL INTENTS, KITCHEN DUTY

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MORAL INTENTS

If looks could kill
I would be riding a cloud with St. Anne.
Thank heavens for that barrier
Of unfitting instance and place.
Perhaps if they had that next pair of eyes
They would focus their vigour
On shifting humanity's balance.
But alas
They are too fascinated with settling scores.
I try so hard to absolve
And appreciate.
Futile
Maybe I can send them
A bit of sunlight in an envelope.

KITCHEN DUTY

Peel the onions
And dice them.

After that,
Do the garlic and carrots.
I do not want thin slices
Of potato.
Boil the prawns before I sauté them.

You would think
You were submitting yourself
To a catering practical examination.

So how is school?
The question settles on the fish batter.
And sinks.
I accumulate words hastily
And fasten them
With strips of bacon.

During the entire afternoon,
I manage to create only two faux pas —
Spill a globule of oyster sauce
And drop an egg.

I manage to squeeze in
A pint of fiscal commercials
Into the soufflé
To boost my bankruptcy.