

Immaculate Chef

One's intellect
must be carefully crafted,
like a fine cream chowder.
Constantly tempered;
caringly simmered,
never to boil.

Served warm,
not chilled, not bitter;
not peppered with bold,
crass confidence.

No, the best chefs will retain
their desire to serve
with all the dignity,
and compassion
a finely crafted chowder
deserves.

—Michael Pracht