

ADVICE FOR VEGETABLES:

Stewing with e'lan

Many of us exist in giant pots
simmering next to know-it-alls who yap away,
or beside bland potatoes
who care about little and have nothing to say.

Onions are different:
they give ordinary casseroles pizzazz,
transforming simple beans into culinary activists,
and encouraging other vegetables to give more flavor.

Even before slicing
zesty onions are undaunted by skillets.

I admire succulent onions who laugh bravely
as they sizzle under the flames.

Cooking well requires gusto,
and each part of the casserole of life has a part to play.
Don't worry about getting chopped up or deep fried:
under time's relentless flames
sizzle all lives.



Anya: One thing I believe in: we are all in this stew of life together.

Carlos: That might be so, but many people act with a self "me-only" awareness. They fail to see how their welfare is connected to the welfare of many others.

Brice: There is only one word for such short-sightedness: stupidity.

Devani: Somehow or other we've got to expand or awareness. Otherwise, we face extinction.

-  Newfields

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