

COOKING UNDERCURRENT

Time-savers, gadgets, wired shortcuts,  
The plug-in help I've got  
Will never change a kitchen klutz--  
A cordon bleu I'm not.

Electric knives to slice and peel,  
Hot prongs to poach tomatoes,  
A probe to pinch and punch and feel,  
A mace to smash potatoes.

Machines to string out noodle dough,  
Twin mauls for crushing beans.  
The oven beeps to let me know  
It's lethal while it cleans.

An automatic coffee urn  
Extracts exotic brew.  
The range can sense impending burn,  
Won't overcook the stew.

Robotic tongs both grasp and lift,  
The Smart-Pots skim and baste.  
Computers measure, mix and sift;  
I'll bet they even taste.

My kitchen's armed, a battle zone  
And I'm the casualty.  
I long to own a super clone  
With no more need for me!

--Glenna Holloway