

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

4. Light or Humorous, First Place

An Ode to Ice Cream

In a bowl, mug, cup,
atop a cone or piece of pie,
you are the universal panacea,
the Magic Bullet that soothes tears,
celebrates success,
improves the flavor of even the driest
cake, brownie or waffle;
you are a temptress in simple pink, white, or brown,
a seductive siren when accessorized with nuts, chips,
whipped cream, gooey hot fudge slithering down your curves,
beneath a neon-red cherry.
We turn to you after our losses—
tonsillectomies, wisdom teeth removal,
the ninth inning walk-off wins by the opposing team—
in a universal language,
you never fail to bring comfort,
you own richness,
stand strong against your competitors—
the ice milks, the yogurts—
for you are the original,
politically correct, diverse, multi-colored,
down home like butter pecan,
childish like chocolate chip cookie dough,
refreshing like green tea,
and always exactly right

like plain chocolate and vanilla

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