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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: Although this is not a great poem, I'm recommending that we reject not for that reason, rather for the following: In my opinion, writing celebrating anatomy donation falls a little too far afield for our journal. While at the deepest level the humanism reflected in this poem (as well as in an essay on the same topic which I [reluctantly] sent out for review) expresses the heart of Family Medicine, it is not family medicine per se. There are so many poems and essays written about the experience of anatomy, I am reluctant to open this floodgate. Feedback from reviewers considering the anatomy essay may influence me to change my mind, but for now I'd say let's pass on this submission.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: This is a heartfelt poem that sincerely expresses your gratitude to the donors who selflessly gave their bodies to enable your learning as a future physician. It has many poignant and expressive images. However, the topic of cadaver dissection, although a pivotal one in the socialization process, is a bit far afield for the focus of this journal, which emphasizes the specialty of family medicine. We encourage you to submit this work to another journal with a broader scope.