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The flesh decays into our minds,
as knowledge.

What seems lifeless on a cold shiny table,
is alive,
alive in the minds of the young,
Death transformed: the alchemy of anatomy lab.

That which is useless,
that which is feared,
is gold, is power.

The panacea, the elixir of life,
comes through the dead,
Hades gate opened,
by the generosity of one.

By this act,
untold others thrive,
beating back Death's scythe with death itself.

The cobweb of veins and nerves,
the pillars of muscles,
now a temple in the mind of the neophyte.

As the smell of decay grows pungent,
the blueprint deepens,
the gift is imparted,
Oh what sweet irony!

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to healing.