

Right Down to the Bone

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Baby, when you turn my way
that lateral malleolus just slays.
And the way your maxilla catches the light
keeps me awake at night.

The smooth contours of your orbital rim
got me writin' this anatomical hymn.
And that zygomatic arch so fine
should be illegal, it's divine.

I see you, baby (Down to your bones)
past all the surface anatomy
right to your osseous zones.
Some people only see skin deep
but I can see your soul
through every fossa, groove, and sweep.
Baby, you're radiologically whole.

(Yeah... that's right... such perfect ossification)

Your trapezoid and hamate bones
got me singin' in these lovesick tones.
Every tarsal, every joint,
your carpals are the point.

You know what drives me crazy?
The way your temporal line curves...
just so...
perfectly into that supraorbital margin.
Nobody else has bones like you, baby.

When your cervical vertebrae sway,
make a radiologist glow all day.
And that mandibular angle, sweet,
makes this anatomist's heart skip a beat.

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but I can see your soul
through every fossa, groove and sweep.
Baby, you're radio-lady-o-logically whole.

When I say 'lacrimal', you say 'bone'!
Lacrimal! (Bone!)
Lacrimal! (Bone!)

When I say 'lumbar', you say 'spine'!
Lumbar! (Spine!)
Lumbar! (Oh! Spine so fine!)

Oh! I see you, baby (Right through to those bones)
beyond mere surface anatomy
through all your calcified zones.
While fools will only look skin deep,
I see your perfect soul
in every ridge and lineal sweep.
Baby, you're osteologically whole.

Can I get a witness? (Witness!)
See these magnificent carpals! (Testify!)
Somebody say optimal ossification! (Optimal ossification!)
Sooo calcaneus! [Ooo! Hallelujah!]

Mmm... that symphysis pubis though...
Work that scapular rotation...
Such articulation...
Your skeletal structure is just... perfection!

Never have I seen a more perfectly formed occipital protuberance!