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## There's always more to it

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Have you ever tried to peel away the layers of another's life?

Cutting off the skin of present with your questioning knife,

And then dissecting into the muscles of memory,

Hoping that what lies beneath is not just temporary?

Next, bone, and it may be your contention that here the matter lies,

But you must go deeper, for there is the very marrow to anatomise.

And if you thought that you were now at the core,

I should inform you that in every person there is yet more.

So you must not despair, that what you've found will have to fit,

Because to really, really, know another, there's always more to it.