

## The Anatomy Quiz

When the bones of your body are all in place  
The bones in your feet and the bones in your face  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
When you number them all, how many are there?

With three in each arm, and eight in each wrist  
Eight in both legs with nineteen in a fist  
With just one hundred and sixty eight more  
Your bones always number six plus ten score.

If you were to measure your complete bloodstream  
Your vessels and arteries (they work as a team)  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
Exactly how many miles would be there?

Just multiply sixty by a thousand  
There's this many miles when they're all in a strand  
'Twill wrap 'round the earth two and four-tenths times  
It has been that way for many lifetimes.

In these sixty thousand miles of veins  
You'll always find blood which is meant to sustain  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
Just how many pints will always be there?

The blood that an average person contains  
Is continually coursing through their veins  
It measures nine pints approximately  
Sometimes it is more or less as you see.

All through your life your heart never stops.  
It is continually going flip-flop  
In all your life how many times does it beat  
Do you know? Can you count? It is no great feat.

If you count each thump your heart does make  
It is a wonder it doesn't break  
It beats about two point five billion times  
In your whole life, even more sometimes.

Your blood is ever circulating  
It's ever flowing, never waiting  
How long does it take to make its rounds  
From your heart until it's back around?

Your blood leaves your heart through your arteries  
Then it goes into your capillaries.  
It enters your veins as fast as a dart  
And in one minute it's back to your heart.

Your muscles are motors to help you move  
They're very essential, that I can prove  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
How many muscles do you always find there?

When you number the muscles in your wrist  
The muscles that help your torso to twist  
Six hundred and fifty you'll always find  
If you didn't know that, you must be behind.

What things are in your body? Here are some;  
Things like carbon and fat and calcium  
Water and iron and things from the earth  
How much are your raw materials worth?

How much are you worth is the question you ask?  
Finding the answer can be quite a task!  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
You're worth fifty dollars with none to spare!

If you could harness your electricity  
And sell it to make a profit you see  
Just what do you think your worth would be  
If you measured it by your electricity?

If you could sell your electricity  
Soon you'd become as rich as can be  
Seventy-seven million dollars you're worth  
And that is true from the day of your birth.

Whoever could live without their skin?  
You need it whether you're out or in  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
How many square feet of skin are there?

With the skin on your cheeks and on your chin  
The skin on your arms and on your shin  
And when all your figuring you do complete  
You come out with sixteen to twenty square feet.

The anatomy quiz is done and o'er  
I hope you have learned a whole lot more  
From the tips of your toes to the roots of your hair  
You're worth more than rubies and jewels most rare!

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