

# FULL BODY POETRY SLAM

Eyes see and ears hear, but what exactly is the purpose of a patella? These little rhymes will help you identify your anatomy—and turn you into a bard of the body.

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## VESSEL VERSE

Blood vessel, blood vessel,  
Which one are you?  
A vein or an artery,  
Which of the two?

An artery takes blood  
Away from the heart  
To parts like the brain  
So you can stay smart.

A vein takes your blood  
To the heart, not away.  
Together they form  
A blood expressway.

## ODE TO THE SPLEEN

Some say the spleen  
Looks like a purple fist.  
It helps to filter blood,  
But here's a funny twist:  
If you lost your spleen,  
You could live just fine.  
Your liver would work harder:  
Still, I'll hang on to mine.

I think that I have never seen  
A thing as lovely as a spleen.

## A PUZZLING PIECE

Appendix, appendix,  
What do you do?  
Some say, "Nothing."  
Could that be true?

You're shaped like a worm,  
But you are not bait.  
Are you just useless?  
That is a debate.

But there is one thing  
That is not in doubt—  
If you're set to burst  
You have to come out.



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**PATELLA POESY**

Every fella  
Has a patella.  
He may be in doubt  
Till you point it out.  
So then you reveal  
That it's no big deal,  
It has one more name:  
"Kneecap" means the same.



**UVULA RAP**

That dangly thing  
At the back of your throat

Is called a uvula,  
So please take note.

It's really just  
A flap of skin.

It helps you swallow  
When you put food in.

When you go to bed  
And you breathe in deep,

It can vibrate, and then  
**YOU SNORE IN YOUR SLEEP!**



**POO-ETRY  
IN MOTION**

The small and large intestines  
Come at the end of the line  
Of the system of digestion  
That starts when you dine.

When food leaves your stomach,  
The next step is ambitious:  
The small intestine breaks  
it down  
And absorbs what is nutritious.

Then the large intestine  
Has its work to do.  
It absorbs most of the water,  
Leaving you with poo.

**LIVER LIMERICK**

There once was a man from  
Nantucket,  
Whose liver made bile by the  
bucket.  
It broke down food's fats  
And now you know that's  
Why he'd no reason to  
chuck it. ☐