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Celebration of Remembrance Ceremony

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Student Reflection

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An Ode to Cadavers

I died today
But it's ok
I help others learn
And in return
Others are saved

My family said goodbye
Then I was off
Shipped in a cold box
To a new place
To help them learn

Chemicals were pumped into me
Just like a strange bath
They moved me
To and fro
But treating me with respect

They cut me open
To examine my beauty
They observed
They admired
They stared

Until the end of their education
I stay with the others
In a large room
But I feel at home
Knowing I am appreciated

Finally the day came
When they said goodbye
And thank you
I was welcomed
For all that I was

I gave my body
To be fully loved
And to aid medicine
Most importantly
From science comes knowledge