

Romans 12: 1-8

We are a body with various parts,
Livers and kidneys, intestines and hearts.
Some of them hidden, all covered in skin,
Some on the outside like forearms and shins.
Each part is vital to make up the whole,
Belonging together, each one has a role.
Triceps and biceps and muscles abdominal,
All linked together they're really phenomenal!

The church is the body of Christ, it is said.
We are the members, and he is the head.
Elderly, youngsters and bald-headed babies,
All are included, whatever their ages.

God gives us gifts which he wants us to use,
In preaching and teaching, in telling Good News.
Some to encourage and others to lead,
And some to show mercy to people in need.
Eyebrows and elbows and fingers and toes
You may have knowledge that no-one else knows.

If we don't use them, then God's gifts are wasted,
Like a meal that's prepared, but then never tasted.
He loves us and generously gives us a blessing
To benefit others, his goodness expressing.
Tummies and kneecaps and tendons and nerves
Blest is the person who willingly serves.

God gives to everyone something they're good at,
And only the right piece of jigsaw will fit, so that
Church can be built like a body that's strong,
Where everyone's welcome and no-one is wrong.
So don't think you're useless: for all to succeed,
You are the piece of the puzzle we need!

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