

## Imogen Heap "Resurrectionists"

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A hammer to drive the chisel in  
A chisel to alter bone and skin  
An algid stiff to now provide  
A link to where the soul resides

That still hearts should pulse with ichor  
Is an ethical dilemma to be sure  
That a body can be made to function  
Is an enigma to decipher without compunction  
That the dead may in mere slumber lie  
Is a query that begs us to coax a reply  
That rotting lungs shall heave with breath  
Is truly a matter of life and death

The resurrectionists  
The resurrectionists... no more death after life

(solo: "Just a Few Stitches" by T. Spruance)

Augers employed to crack and peel  
Gilding steel teeth with paste of bone meal  
Their skulls disassembled and scored  
With sanguine expectations, meticulously gored

To reconnect nerve filled clusters  
Our encaphalic skill, we muster  
To reinstate arterial paths  
Our hands engage in a blood bath  
To reset joint and bone  
Our mending powers are hewn  
To restart cardial beating  
Our defibrullator is heating

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Intra-venously dripping a potion  
To rekindle locomotion

Old hat at plundering lifeless shells  
But I shall never get used to the smell

(solo: "The Funk of 40,000 Years" by S.C. McGrath)

Sutures of catgut carefully stitched  
Securing intestines in torsal pitch  
Along the sciatic, nerves are defrayed  
In our conclave, bodies remade

This brain in a solution submerged  
From a cranium we've purged  
This jellied ganglia to reconnect  
From the medulla to the neck  
This artery and vein shall rehydrate  
From pulmonary functions we'll resuscitate  
This human tabula rasa we've sewn  
From it, coaxed, secrets to life unknown

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