

TANKA POETRY #4 - 6

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Tanka #4 - INDIVIDUALITY

Sing your special word:
no two snowflakes dance alike.
Let your heart be heard—
lean in closer to the mike.
Authenticity preferred. . . .

— *12/23/2019*

Tanka #5 - BONES

Contentious, when picked—
protoplasmic hanging rack,
resisting decay,
survives canine burial
to rattle on Halloween.

— *1/6/2020*

Tanka #6 - DIAGNOSIS

Labwork results fine,
all procedures and tests passed.
Enter specialist:
“We’re shootin’ in the dark here.”
Me: “Doc Watson, where’s Sherlock!”

— *1/27/2020*