

SHANE MCCRAE

from Body Bag

We had a great con-
versation Lord

I wrote a book

About it we had

Such a great conver-
sation talked sure

Mostly about me

But also how world

Events affect me

Also how rac-

ism makes me I

Sad went last night

Thinking about

To bed about

What would the poem

I wrote about

My black skin be-

ing like a bod-

y bag look like

About how black skin

And body bags both

Invisible

Let's talk the people

They black surround

Let's talk again

* * *

They black encase

Let's talk about

This face-to-face

Let's talk about

This face-to-bod-

y Lord I know no-

body sees

Your face and lives

Your face is like

The inside of

A body bag

* * *

They black encase

They black surround

A fact about

Body bags

Source Wikipe-

dia they're al-

so called cadav-

er pouches which

Do you prefer

Lord bag or pouch

Bag sounds like something

A person puts

Their garbage in

Pouch sounds like something

A person carries

Tobacco in

Tobacco burns

A hole in the mouth

And garbage burns

A hole in the sky

I say the bod-

y burns a hole

In the mouth first

Then in the sky