

Dust and Bone

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Notes: This is based on an article I read on CNN about a ~5000 year old gravesite recently uncovered near Verona, Italy, predating Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by thousands of years.

Prehistoric lovers found in final embrace
Nose to nose, the last breath moist on the other's face
Bodies curled together; arms tangled in a coil
Merging into one into the welcoming soil

CHORUS:

We are digging for love
Sifting through sand and stone
Hoping to find something more
Than dust and bone

Millennia of solace under cover of sedge grasses
Now unearthed displayed to the probing masses
And all of us complicit searching for a clue
Longing for that kind of love that lingers when we're through

So we ignore the pottery, the chiseled arrowhead
Relicts of the living, long forgotten by the dead
We're grasping at artifacts impossible to find
Pondering the substance of what we leave behind