

Poetry

Bags

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People
Are like bags
But with hands, legs and heads.
And people
Are like bags
But eyes, ears, and senses

If you peel two women:
One of the great beauty
And the other uglier than a demon
You will see in front of you two frighten females.
If you peel white men
And black man
They will all look similar

What is the difference then, between people.
Or say between bags?
The telling difference is in the souls,
And in the minds,
And in feelings.

But people ..
Are bankrupt .
Always chacing bags.

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