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### Psychoanalytic Sandbox Essay

The theory of psychoanalysis by Freud is that the repressed desires of the human mind dwells in the realms of the unconscious which can never be actively manipulated by us and that the personality of an individual is mainly shaped by the experiences of the childhood phase. In *Porphyria's Lover*, the poet chooses to describe the women with extremely sensuous terms describe Porphyria. When he is discussing the actions of Porphyria, he uses words like “kneeled”, “rose”, or “bare”. The mind of the male lover could be the interplay of the id, ego, and superego. The male lover had to deal with his repressed sexuality. Instead of simply fulfilling his sexual desire, he ties Porphyria's hair around his neck and strangle himself. This act of self-inflicted violence is supposed to the male lover's id overcoming his superego and rational ego. The immense human desire for control or to possess a person, even in death, is shown through the male lover. The male lover kills Porphyria because his mind would not accept the fact that Porphyria might succumb to societal pressures herself. The male lover resents her self-control and his lack thereof. His actions showcase an id complex that makes him not care about any rules or any morality. The male lover tries to blend his ego into that of Porphyria's, and tries make it seem as if his issues are her issues when that is not the case.