

Bin Laden Laughing

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Laughing, Osama

surveys the ruin

of America's pride:

pricked to insanity

by pitiless picadors,

our bawling bullock

charges the cape

tossing and flinging,

goring, trampling,

grinding underhoof

the shredded remnants of

our respect, reputation

and integrity.

Poor, dumb beast,

lured by lust

to even the score:

retaliation, revenge,

retribution and gore,

deeper, ever deeper

in the stinking morass;

weep, mothers, weep

for the lives lost in vain,

burnt offerings on the altar

of our unthinking hubris.

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