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,
laured 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,
brunt offerings on the altar
of our unthinking hubris.

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