

History's Humor¹

Today a hundred people died
Tomorrow there'll be more
What now is 'our of tragedy
Will become hist'ry's humor
The lives once sealed in memories
All lost in time and hearts
Til we who've joked of others passed
Have the same joke played on us

¹ I've always been intrigued how people can seem so insensitive when making jokes about recent events (i.e. Princess Diana, plane crashes, holocausts, etc). However, when thinking about distant events, we often make light of great tragedies as our distance from them somehow makes the loss of human life and dignity unimportant. Ironically, our inconsistency in somberness is what will make our lives subject to irreverent humor and belittlement some time in the future, regardless of how great we were or how great our tragedy was.