

WHO WILL CRY FOR HUMANITY?

(Alternative Title: Death of Hopes and Dreams)

A tribute to the victims of war and terrorism, with emphasis on victims of 9/11/2001.

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1. Invention of flight was at first a fine sight.
But men soon learned that with swift flight, they could impose great blight.
Gladly flight grew, things peaceful to do, and planes met good need;
to bring loved ones closer, through flight at great speed.
2. Man has longed to, with tall towers touch the sky,
so in New York City, the World Trade Center was built high.
Its towers daily occupied by souls thousands untold,
with loved ones and dreams, for lives that would unfold.
3. Then ideology that evil did laud,
inspired warped men to conspire, wreak havoc abroad.
They flew good souls with birds silver, into high towers twin,
with no regard for the hopes and dreams within.

Refrain 1: Who will cry for humanity, that has been brought to naught,
by ideology of terror, that values life not?

4. The towers of steel strained to stay up so high,
and protect souls within, for whom escape was not nigh.
Fires so hot, to heights the towers could no longer soar;
and so they collapsed, with a terrible roar.
5. Many miles away, in Washington that day,
another plane struck the Pentagon, to our great dismay.
Above on flight ninety-three, gallant occupants did strive,
with those of terror; at the cost of their lives.
6. Beneath the blue sky, where two towers stood proud,
in the area of two ball fields, rubble does enshroud,
integuments of loved souls thousands, so cold and so still;
their lives and dreams crushed, as the dust of road kill.

Refrain 2: Who will cry for humanity, that has been brought to naught,
by ideology of terror, that values life not?



Music v0.4 Who will cry- for hu- man- i- ty, that's been brought to naught,- by i- de- ol- o- gy of ter_ or, that val- ues life not?-
Comments: For Refrain 4 only, use eighth notes instead of pairs of sixteenth notes in fifth measure. [Alt: Perform refrains w/o flats or in other keys.]

7. Through the Ground Zero rubble, twisted and scarred,
a vain race to find of all a trace, no matter how marred.
Men above argued, how on the site, new buildings to grow,
as if to forget the loss and graves below.
8. Some ask what we did to cause terror decreed.
The answer is clear: We did not deserve terrorist deeds.
It was ideology intolerant, based on lies,
that said: "If you are not like us, you must die!"
9. Those who loved to hate did sing and dance with glee,
while those of many faiths were still buried beneath debris.
We now see what ideologies of terror can do,
though hard to comprehend, from civilized view. [Alternate: ..from a..]
- Refrain 3: Who will defend humanity, that would be brought to naught, [If sung, can be: ..'t would be..]
by ideology of terror, that values life not?
10. In years after this cruel death of hopes and dreams,
break hearts and kill, those of terror do still; their trade it seems.
Sometimes on dates with numbers twin, come attacks we endure;
but "never again", is what we must ensure.
11. We must once again, have attitude and strength,
to stop murder of innocents, even when at great length.
We must show unacceptable, is to all of mankind,
imposing of death, by murderers unkind.
12. We must say "never again", will this be allowed;
as we stand on precious ground, that by death is so hallowed.
To live in peace and safety, is what everyone does need;
and to preserve freedom, our soldiers do bleed.
- Refrain 4: We all cry for humanity, that has been brought to naught; [For refrain w/o 1/16 notes in mea.3:]
as we fight against terror, that values life not! [If refrains 1,2,4 sung: ..that's been..]
[Incidental words can adjust syllables/line.]
[Alternates, to use in other countries, etc:]
13. If we compromise American ideal, [Alternate 1: ..freedom's high ideal,]
to appease those who would so gladly, our freedoms repeal; [Alternate 2: ..liberty's high ideal,]
we may find the freedom, for which Americans have died, [Alt. 1: ..many people have died,]
will disappear, from before our very eyes. [Alt. 2: ..many soldiers have died,]
[Alt. 1: ..cry for our freedom if it is..]
[Alt. 2: ..cry for our liberty if it is..]
- Refrain 5: Who will cry for America, if she is brought to naught,
by ideology of terror, we at home had fought not? [Alternate: ..had not fought.]
[If refrain 5 sung, line 1 is: ..if she's..]

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