## The Last Laugh

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is there such a thing as the last laugh?

i have outlived my loves, friends and foes and i'm *not* laughing!

eyes swell with tears as memories flood into consciousness

even those who despised the ground i walked on (now dead) only elicit emotions of pity

vengeful thoughts this mind never entertained possibly why i have outlived them all

what is there to laugh about, dear reader?

the world's most powerful nation gone rogue, perhaps?

killing innocent civilians daily while stunned populations watch mindlessly

i am *not* amused, are you?

there is little, if anything to laugh about these days

my favourite artists all dead they died so young some murdered for opposing the status quo in song and oratory

should i laugh that agencies serving the interests of rogues, white-collar criminals and reprehensible liars, ply their murderous trade?

should i laugh that these brazen criminals now rule the world or should i lament the fact the masses no longer care?

today's world is *yours*, dear reader

i prefer my accumulated memories joyful images etched forever in my mind

attend to other matters, dear reader a grown man crying for lost innocence and lost justice is not a pretty sight

attend to *your* world and accept *your* rewards

the fat lady may be singing but i'm not laughing

i met a young girl she gave me a rainbow ...

• It's Alright Ma I'm Only Bleeding - Bob Dylan