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When this century collapses, dead at last, and its sleep within the dark tomb has begun, come, look down upon us, world, file past and be ashamed of what this world has done.

Inscribe our stone, that everyone may see what this dead era valued most and best: science, progress, work, technology and death - but death we prized above the rest.

We set new records, measuring men and deeds in terms of greatness, thus we tempted fate. In keeping with the greatness of our needs, our heroes and our gangsters, too, were great.

The XXth century, buried; nonetheless, world, see what eras yet to come will gain: Great new records, great inventions. Wretchedness. Dictators. War. A ruined town in Spain.