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Wilfred Owen's poetry portrays interesting ideas about loss through experiences in the battlefield of problems faced by the families at home and also his own and other perspectives.

Wilfred Owen's poem 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' portrays the ideas of loss through the experiences of the families at home during battle.

Another Wilfred Owen poem, 'The Next War' portrays ideas of loss that is masked with humour by those on the battlefield with their comrades.

Owen uses his titles and also literary techniques to convey these ideas.

The title 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' is ironic as it portrays the idea of loss as the soldiers are 'doomed'.

The title is ironic as an Anthem is a song of praise and although there is nothing to praise or anything noble of the doomed soldiers. 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' ^{directs} ~~directs~~ ^{at} ~~at~~ the readers in

which glorify war and believe it is courageous and noble. Owens poem title 'The Next War' is used to inflict saddened emotions and create the idea of loss that wars will never end & there will always be a next one. Inflicting the idea that more and more innocent lives will be lost. Wilfred Owen portrays the ideas that loss is recurring and never for a noble nor a good cause.

Owen uses religious images throughout 'Anthem of Doomed Youth', "orisons", "church", "bells", "choirs". Contrasting the religious way loss is endeavored to be "celebrated", with the careless funerals the soldiers are faced with. Owen uses a simile "for those who die like cattle" to represent the dehumanising way the soldiers were slaughtered and treated as if they were nothing like cattle. Portraying

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that the loss of the soldiers was heightened as they were dehumanised. Throughout the 'next war' Owen personifies the sun as 'old chum' creating the sense that any one could become a friend as the idea of loss is frequently apparent throughout. Wilfred Owen portrays interesting ideas of loss, as being like cattle slaughtered and any of their friends being next.

In 'Anthem of Doomed Youth' Owen uses a bitter tone at the beginning of the play, as the families at home are bitter towards the loss of their loved ones. The tone then becomes sweet and noble as saddened emotions are heightened due to the grieving. Wilfred Owen uses ~~uses~~ a humorous tone throughout

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'The Next War' as the humour
masks the ~~idea~~ neverending
loss and grueling battle
field. As the comrades ~~idea~~ had
~~idea~~ from the horror and
disgust they felt about the
unneeded loss.

In both 'The Next War'
and 'Anthem for Doomed Youth'
Owen portrays interesting ideas
about loss, through masking
it with humour, the dehumanising
tragic deaths and also the
careless funerals. Reflecting
both the families at home's
ideas of loss and also
the soldiers on the battlefield.