



# Remembering: “Petals of Hope”

Artistic responses to the Omagh Bomb

**Conversations with Carole Kane and Malachi O’Doherty**

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Should have been just another day.

The people that were there were innocent in every way

Rushing around studying what shop to go to first,

Saying hello or that's a great day,

Or maybe, have we time for coffee?

Worrying about what to wear,

Or how long the ticket has been on the car,

Meeting friends they hadn't seen lately,

Someone shouting over

'I haven't got time to chat right now but I will ring you later'.

Just after 3 pm everything changed.

Hearts remain broken from that moment on.

Omagh itself slowly mended.

The people came together

And shared their grief.

They have helped each other on a never-ending journey.

All knew someone cruelly taken away.

Our lives have never been the same



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