

Monopoly Versus The Margin

Throughout the natural world we see
That every bit of energy
Is evident in its effect.
This law philosophers accept,
And find it holds with equal force
Whatever power has its source,
In mind, or hand, or in machine,
Commensurate returns are seen.
But if from all that men produce
Of only some they get the use,
As landlords take an unearned part,
Frustration causes loss of heart.
Such deeds the laws of nature spurn, -
Depriving men of what they earn.
To satisfy their hearts desire
Most men who eagerly aspire
To bring about a better life
Grow weary in the hopeless strife.
Competing with his fellowman
Each one must earn what's'er he can.
Because of land monopoly
The poorest to the margin flee,
And there a bare subsistence make
Because of what the landlords take.
All those who work in time must see
They still are slaves till land is free.

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