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this place where free market
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mother nature should have aborted.

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listen to her lyrics.
listen to this
twenty-first century composition
of hard lines and quivering lips
and what they call equality.
did they understand equal opportunity
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where money is an artform
and citizens are slaves.
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