

We, the people, feel the squeeze

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David Lucas, a commentator on his blog, offered this [doggerel](#) in [a comment](#), and then gave me permission to share it more widely:

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You may have heard it said
And this City of London and the mega-rich
Are like a cancerous tumour
Which does us no good
Does that make you squirm?

They have influence and persuasion
Money offshore and tax evasion
Private jets and private jets
How do these things get?
They sound ghastly and revolting.

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Polluted rivers and polluted seas
Crumbling schools, failing NIS
Hungry children, failing services
Unaffordable rents and houses
Unmended potholes in our roads
Time we were revolting.

The government won't act to clean up this mess
Because they are in the pockets of the rightwing press
Influenced by antisocial neoliberal rightwing think-tanks
Directorships, consultancies, lucrative bungs as thanks.

It's time to legislate a change
It's time for an economic rearrange

Government get off your grubby self-interest knees
Please, please, please, please listen to our pleas
Release us from this inequality economic wheeze
Do something about this economic squeeze
Because we the people feel the squeeze.