

## Funding the Future

# 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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### **We, the people, feel the squeeze**

You may have heard it said,  
That this is more than a rumour  
That the City of London and the mega-rich  
Act like a cancerous tumour  
Which saps us no good  
They are like a parasitic worm  
Does that make you squirm?

They have influence and persuasion  
Money offshore and private jets  
How do some of their self-indulgence gets?  
They sound ghastly and revolting.

We, the people, feel the squeeze  
Polluting schools and polluting seas  
Hungry children, failing services  
Unaffordable rents and houses  
Time we were protesting.  
Time we were revolting.

The government won't act to clean up this mess  
Because they are in the pockets of the right wing press  
Influenced by antisocial neoliberal right wing think tanks  
Directorsiships, 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, stand to our side  
Release us from this megaratty, aethomie wheeze  
Do something about this economic squeeze  
Because we the people feel the squeeze.