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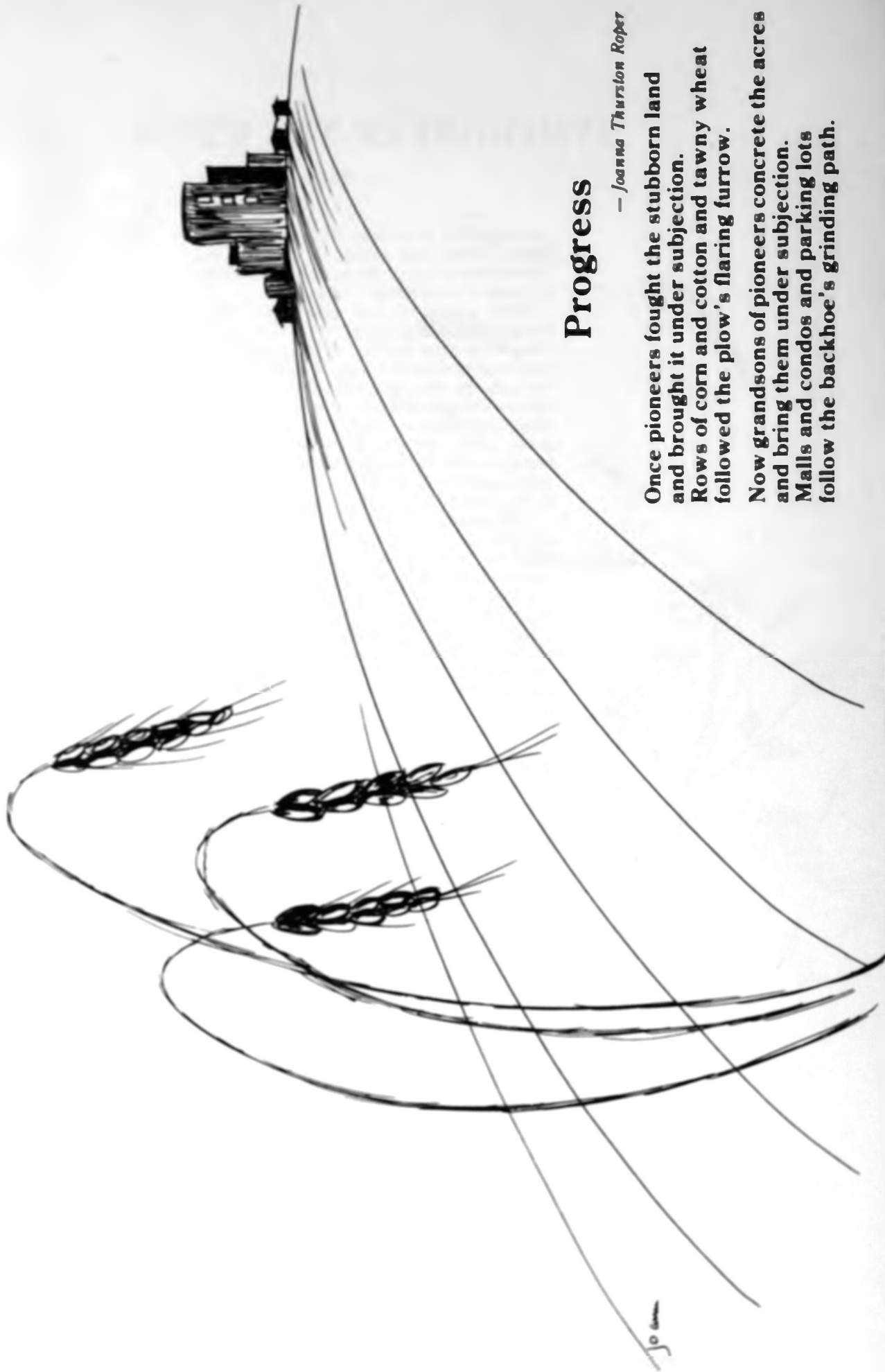
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Once pioneers fought the stubborn land  
and brought it under subjection.  
Rows of corn and cotton and tawny wheat  
followed the plow's flaring furrow.

Now grandsons of pioneers concrete the acres  
and bring them under subjection.  
Malls and condos and parking lots  
follow the backhoe's grinding path.