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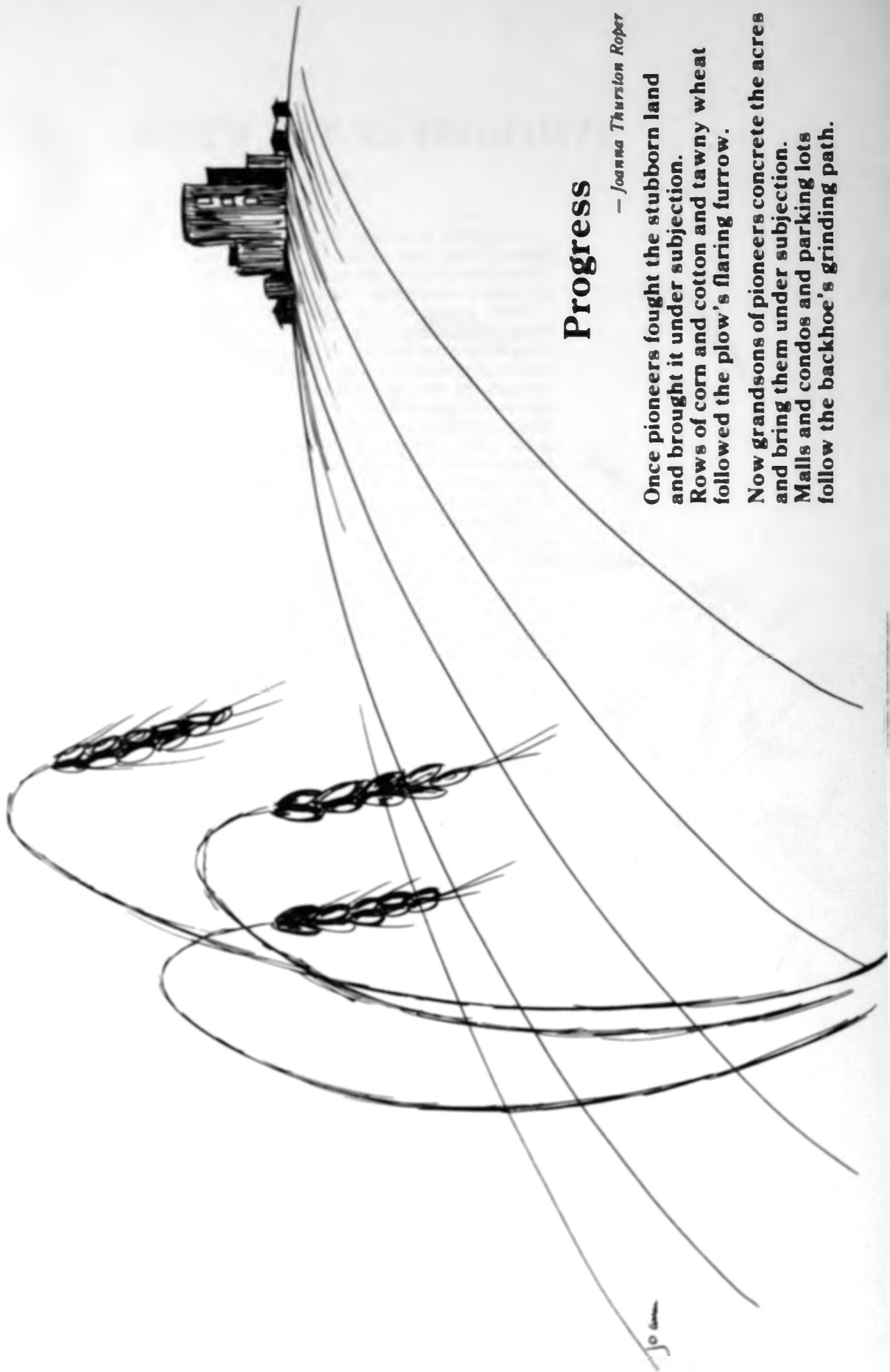
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Once pioneers fought the stubborn land
and brought it under subjection.
Rows of corn and cotton and tawny wheat
followed the plow's flaring furrow.

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