

The Money Flows Up

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We're workin' in a world that's bottom-side-top

Where the costs flow down and the money flows up

I work two jobs. My wife does too
There's nothin' left when the bills come due
We can work all day and never fill our cup
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If you build your house on a master plan
That's born on the backs of the common man
But the benefits go to the few at the top
Then the costs flow down and the money flows up
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When the benefits go to the few at the top
The costs flow down and the money flows up

I've got this to say to the penthouse few
There's ninety nine of me for every one of you
We can break that dam where the deals are struck
That make the costs flow down and the money flow up
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We can breach that dam where the deals are struck
That make the costs flow down and the money flow up

To the folks who work on Capital Street
Who hear just the voice of the corporate elite
It's quite simple. You can fix things up
Spread the costs around, the money shows up
The money shows up
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"The money was all appropriated for the top in the hopes that it would trickle down to the needy. Mr. Hoover didn't know that money trickled up. Give it to the people at the bottom and the people at the top will have it before night, anyhow. But it will at least have passed through the poor fellow's hands."

Will Rogers, humorist and entertainer (1879-1935)

America's corporate and political elites now form a regime of their own and they are privatizing democracy. All the benefits - the tax cuts, olicies and rewards - flow in one direction: up."
Bill Moyers 2003