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I see land,
I see a building
Maybe even five.
I see a person,
I see a thing,
And everything has a price.

I see the ocean.
I see its waves.
I see the sun.
I see the beach,
And on it can stand only my buildings.
Even the beach is not a thing if it cannot bring
me my money
And everything can be sold.

I do not see the minnows,
Nor the seagulls that they feed.
I do not see each grain of sand,
I do not smell the air.
If nature's Sam-I-am,
I do not want its green eggs and ham.

These are not things.
For everything has a price,
And everything can be sold.

I wish to buy land,
And make it flat.
I don't see each ant I splatter.

I wish to buy the beach,
And build resorts.
I don't feel each grain I push.

For I am man,
And Nature dares not clutter my path.
But dare it has, and dare it will,
So I will push it aside and kill it;
My path is cluttered with its things.