THE RADICAL

ORIGINAL POETRY.

VOICES FROM THE WORKERS.

Western in our favored cradle,
Are ye happy then, my child?
Voices eager, husked, urgent,
Mingling, murmuring, "we ask you!"
We are Crushed, our spirit broken.
Neath the ruling hands of wealth;
Landlords, swindlers, banksters, brokers,
Steal our money and our health.

Oh, this saddest strife for fame,
Kills our noblest hopes and aims.
Smothered all our best endeavors,
All our energy it claims.

Day by day, toil and toil,
And our wasted eyelids drop;
Till our shoulders, bent and aching,
Old with toil, have learned to sleep.

Oh the sickening work of earth.
Those fond aspirations lost.
Love belonging; love being silly.
Making life with joy and glee,
Filling hearts with wrath, with rapture.
Making earth a paradise.

All are banished, where, oh, woe!
Must work on to gain our pain.

There is no such work.
For the man who trembles.
Striving hard both heart and soul.
All his energies are needed.
For the wolf is at the door!
Though no fault of him, but truly,
There's who stirs his final store.

To these men he cries, "seek.
Give me, out of what we earn,
Just enough to feed and clothe us.
But his prayer the tyrant spurns;
Call him "lazy, thriftless, wasteful.
If he cannot pay his way,
Whenever money is wanting.
On the folly of a day!

Are ye waiting to begin,
For the joy of gain?
Will ye wait till they grant you
To the earth? then mind and more
Will ye raise your hand to them,
Now it is time,
Seepless for all.

Cease power.
Cease you,
Up, and claim.
Boo so.

While it remains.
Culler's seat,
As the laborer.

Claim the land.
Claim the city.
For you are good.
And true.
While they hold life.
You can never be.
Up, and claim them for your own.
Be the tools of reason, work.

W. Morris, male.

Note: The passage is a poetic reflection on the exploitation of workers by the capitalist system. It uses imagery and metaphor to convey the struggle and frustration felt by those at the bottom of the social hierarchy. The speaker questions the happiness and well-being of those in positions of power, while highlighting the suffering of the working class. The text is a critique of the capitalist system, emphasizing the inequality and unfair distribution of wealth and resources. The speaker advocates for a redistribution of power and resources, calling for workers to stand up and claim their rightful place in society.