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Abstract

Oligopoly, oligopsony- This morning there was a cardinal outside my window. He flirted with me; I saw him wink! Then he soared away...
“Mmn-hmmm.”

“Golly, what a guy!” Ann said, shaking her blond curls slowly.

“There he goes, and he didn’t even ask you to write. What a peculiar guy!”

But Liz was smiling as she said, “No, he didn’t even ask me to write.” She thought of his blue eyes. “But he’ll be coming back,” she added.

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Oligopoly, oligopsony—
This morning there was a cardinal outside my window.
He flirted with me;
I saw him wink!
Then he soared away,
A crimson triangle vanishing to a point.
I had to close my eyes against the sky’s stinging blue.

Marginal revenue, marginal cost—
Lilacs are in bloom now.
The lavender droops over iron stair railings
And beckons to that boy and girl
Who climb the steps, pausing to pick the lacy buds.
He pins a flower in her hair,
And she looks up at him for an eternity,
Then they turn and stroll away, hand in hand.

Cost of production, profit, loss—
Picnics, campanile, moonlight—

Purchasing power—
Violet, redbud—

Economics—
April morning.