

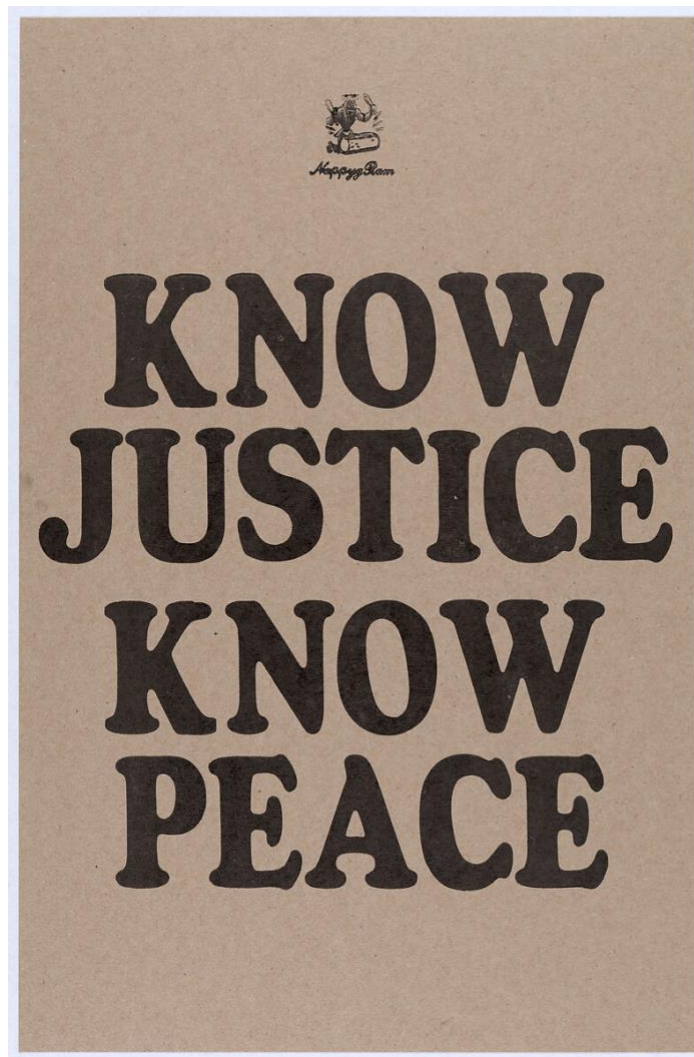
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Inequality

Seductive is the spectacle of trade
without restraint, with opportunities
for all, a booming bubbling cavalcade
of bounty and bonanza, guarantees
of profit, super yacht and private jet,
and pomp, festoon, champagne and caviar,
from Shangri-la to Xanadu, roulette
a single color in a world bizarre,
a realm of gold beneath the ocean tide.
The willing heirs to this magnificence,
as progenies of plutocratic pride,
embrace their roles in their inheritance.

And just outside this sea of plenitude
are tattered urchins asking coins for food.

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