
Housing authority: then and now

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When houses were affordable

Rental flats were cheaper

Shelter was no problems

When Housing Authority worked for poor

And low-income earners

And those just starting out in life

And welfare was its goals

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Now Housing Authority has changed

Rental flats are no more its part

Has created a new rental organisation

Some Public Rental Board

Unaffordable economic rent is charged to poor

Houses have become dear to poor

For Housing Authority no longer works for poor

And low-income earners

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And those just starting out in life

No more a welfare organisation

But

A commercialised enterprise like money making machine

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Never more, no more friends

One wishes nothing now, but doom.