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for Angela

*Hill-stone was content
To be cut, to be carted
And fixed in its new place.*

*It let itself be conscripted
Into mills. And it stayed in position
Defending this slavery against all.*

*It forgot its wild-roots
Its earth-song
In cement and the drum song of looms.*

*And inside the mills mankind
With bodies that came and went
Stayed in position, fixed like the stones
Trembling in the songs of the looms.*

And they too became four-cornered, stony

*In their long, darkening stand
Against the guerrilla patience
Of the soft hill-water.*

Ted Hughes, Remains of Elmet

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Ann. Assoc. Am. Geog. Annals of the Association of American Geographers

Camb. J. Econ. Cambridge Journal of Economics

Ec. Hist. Rev. Economic History Review

Econ. J. Economic Journal

Expl. Ec. Hist. Explorations in Economic History

Econ. Dev. Cult. Change Economic Development and Cultural Change

Geog. J. Geographical Journal

H.O. Home Office Papers

J. Econ. Hist. Journal of Economic History

J. Hist. Geog. Journal of Historical Geography

J. Interdisc. Hist. Journal of Interdisciplinary History

J.R.S.S. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society

J. Soc. Hist. Journal of Social History

Quart. J. Roy. Met. Soc. Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society

Scand. Ec. Hist. Rev. Scandinavian Economic History Review

Soc. Hist. Social History

Trans. Inst. Brit. Geog. Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

Trans. Thoresby Soc. Transactions of the Thoresby Society

W.W. Wentworth–Woodhouse Muniments: Fitzwilliam MSS.

Yorks. Bull. Ec. Soc. Res. Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research

μ , X: mean

σ , SD: standard deviation

CV: coefficient of variation

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