

Great Recession

From its silver-tongued leader on down,
Democrats simply could not tell us
why our system had run aground
and why our we had a stake
in doing things differently.
They could not summon an
ideology of their own. ...

And so Democratic leaders tried to
assuage public anger over the bailouts
while barely mentioning Wall Street's
power over Washington — that subject
they left to the resurgent Right.

Thomas Frank, *Pity the Billionaire*