Although I have never been interested in poetry if I remembered these two poems for an assignment I did a while back on another course, I liked their historical messages, they speak of how the people of Puerto Rico lived and how some of them thought of the island in those years. In the titled poems; “Do not give your land to the stranger” and “Pueblo” clearly describes the situation in which they lived in Puerto Rico during the first 20 to 30 years of being under the administration of the United States of America. A time where there was greater poverty and misery than during the Spanish rule of the island. I agree with the authors of these poems since at the time they were written it was characterized by anguish and constant uneasiness among Puerto Ricans.

The author of "Do not give your land to the stranger" Don Virgilio Dávila describes how in 1916 the Puerto Ricans were selling their land to foreign corporations for a couple of tempting dollars that, in the long run, they ran out of land and money.

The author of "Pueblo" Don Luis Pales Matos describes in his poem an impoverished and dying island managed by corrupt politicians, banks and corporations, in this the social inequality that is described, today is almost unimaginable, for this reason he cries out to God that somehow those who caused the situation get punished for their actions.

Pueblo poem describes how political corruption affects people, perhaps something like what happens today in Puerto Rico. This poem uses quite a bit of metaphorical language especially in the first part for example this part “alcalde adiposo de grande abdomen vacuo chapoteando en su vida tal como en una salsa” the author is describing his hatred towards a incompetent mayor that does nothing but eat while the people around him starve to death or have little to nothing to eat. And in the end of the poem he talks of how he prays to god so that those who have caused that situation get what they deserve,” ¡Piedad, Señor, piedad para mi pobre pueblo! Sobre estas almas simples, desata algún canalla que contra el agua muerta de sus vidas arroje la piedra redentora de una insólita hazaña... Algún ladrón que asalte ese banco en la noche, algún Don Juan que viole esa doncella casta, algún tahur de oficio que se meta en el pueblo y revuelva estas gentes honorables y mansas.” The author speaks like if he has such hatred for his government, too much corruption and pain caused to the people of Puerto Rico, he even desires that someone assaults the bank.

No des tu tierra al extraño poem tells the reader of how the people of Puerto Rico in about the time of 1916 where selling their land to what could be considered as American corporations and other foreign associations, these corporations would offer a couple of bucks to a person so they could buy their land. The landowner would have a choice, get a couple thousand bucks, buy a home and live by imported goods, or work hard and provide their own food. Most chose to sell their land as when the USA took control over Puerto Rico, the Spanish “dollar” lost its value completely, pretty much making those who had a lot of money became pretty much poor, due to this many people sold this land so they could maybe get a better and easier life. But this sometimes wasn’t the case as told by the poet.