



(Image: WATER!—signature resource of the new era, North America)

Dangerous Crossings . . .

Once defined more by what it wastes
than what it creates, more by
what it destroys than what it builds,
a culture crosses a crucial divide
on its way down the road of its own demise,
which, as the ultimate act of self-deception,
it cannot help but call the only reasonable route—
to Freedom and Paradise.