

## **Wasted**

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A wasted gift is the worst mistake.  
The time has come; for too long we have made  
Selfish decisions– and for whose sake?

Here, mussels boil on what is no longer a lake,  
There, cars float and entire communities must be remade.  
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Answer me, how can we forsake  
The one that has given us life, is this how she will be repaid?  
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For too long she has cried, “You must awake!  
Too far, my child, you have strayed–  
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The countdown has begun, yet they are hesitant to partake.  
Money means nothing when the earth is dead; why are they afraid?  
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Our choice now can make or break–  
The Earth is not something we can trade.  
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