

## **Aquanomics**

Humanity is depleting, diverting and polluting the planet's fresh water resources ...

every species on earth – including our own – is in mortal danger.

– Maude Barlow, 2002:5

Streams, aquifers and oceans,  
corrupted at source and mouth  
by thirsty fat controllers  
invisible to the sentience  
of tabernacled ponds  
guarded by the elemental  
tied like an umbilicus  
to the immanent trans-corporeal host  
the Indigenous local  
ecowise neophytes and elders,  
that big business writes  
as a footnote  
or a nuisance  
in broad  
re-territorialised water story.

*Our elemental passions (11) for blue gold (12)*

flounder as the prizes of economic war  
are exchanged without consult and consent  
nature's midwife re-trenched  
by regulation  
pipelinisation  
peaks and flows  
from anthropocene whim  
... congealed.

*How many Silent Springs(13)*

protests and recovery missions  
to restore  
celestial

before-human metabolisms  
in everyday congressional contact  
and conscience  
inter-relationships between  
minds, bodies and souls  
peoples and other-than-peoples  
the webbing primacy of our being  
fast-disappearing in Cimmerian mist?  
*terra del l' acqua replaces l' appassionata del l' acqua*  
transboundary diplomacy gone wrong.  
Hope of spiritual currency  
elemental reverence  
dammed up  
poured down the drains  
of big utility visions  
militarism  
and exchange value  
robbing women of the well  
the holy altar of sustenance  
caught in a capital crusade  
a fishnet of man's own making  
waters agency compromised.  
Reunification with water  
un-realised as  
the climatic oscillations of *El Niño* and *La Niña*  
call us once again to account.

Notes : 11 from Luce Irigaray

12 from Maude Barlow

13 from Rachel Carson