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# **"I Came To Know The Rivers Depth"**

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I came to know the rivers depth, on a bright and sunny  
day, I came to

know the rivers depth, in the early days of May.

I sat upon it's banks to ponder, the fulness of the  
flow, nothing else was

on my mind, but just to watch it go.

I came to know the rivers depth, and my eyes were not  
to see, as if from

my heart it poured, this fountain of dark mystery.

I was caught up in creation's swirl, to see life in it's  
true worth, the

taming of the white heat to mend, the stitch that binds  
death and birth.

The ghost of air that haunts my breath, and out beyond  
the very sky, the

dawn asked the sun to rise, the moon is the nights  
reply.

I came to know the rivers depth, I sank thru it's realms  
like a stone, and a

flower grows in the meadow green, when the flesh  
does offer bone.

The music of the thunders voice, plays unto the  
lightnings dance, sweet

sleep descends to the wearies bed, to give the  
dreamers dreams a chance.

All is beauty in beauty's eye, and all is pain to the  
wounded heart, and if

we could but know this end, we would know just where  
to start.

But temptation is an angry guide, and envy seems to  
mock your way, but

this spirit is stronger still, than all that man could do or  
say.

And now I know I can abide in peace, and harmony for  
evermore, because

I came to know the rivers depth, when I let go of the  
shore.

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