

River in the classroom 2014



A Curtain of Dazzling Diamonds

Singing the fish, the river Calder in Burnley inspires students of St Joseph's Park Hill Primary School to write poems, sing songs and make hats!



The river begins
On the hills where the wild goats watch,
The water mysteriously drops down
Into the sparkling river below.
Tears of a mountain giant in a cave
Fill the pools.
His teeth are made of stone,
His eyes are red rubies
His lips are red like blood.
The river runs over his tongue and
Out of his open mouth



The stream

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Cold, clear water,
Eddies, whirlpools, rippling river,
Brown gravel, golden sand, jagged rocks, silver stones
Stone-cold pebbles,
Moss-covered rocks,
Slime-grown stones
Weed like Jenny Greenteeth's hair to shelter
A timid trout



The waterfall,
Pulling in a curtain of dazzling diamonds,
Swishing and swirling, slithering like a snake,
Curling over the rocky edges,
Into the woods,
Like a rippling river road.
Past the Faraway Tree,
Under the Troll's Bridge
And into the lake

Raging rushing rapids,
Free as birds,
Fast as wolves,
Fierce as lions,
Wild as wind,
Horrific as humans,
Drowningly dangerous,
Chaotic currents,
Untamed land,
The River Monster released!

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When the fish were ready to be released, the fish team made river hats for themselves for the journey to the riverside:



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