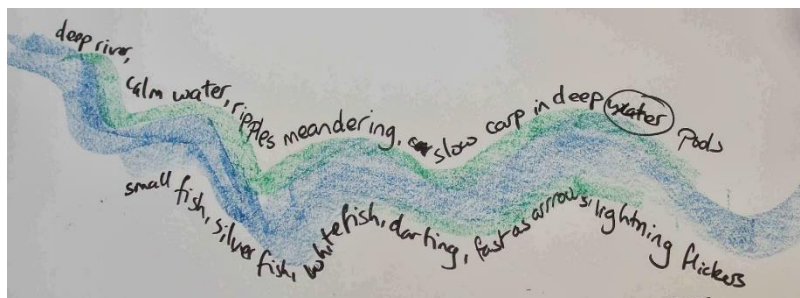


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Fish as Fast as Arrows

Trout Brown as Shadows

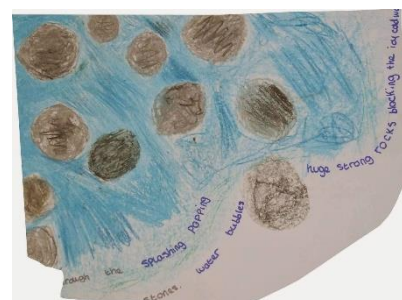


This is a silver stream, so cool and fresh as can be

Fish eggs like little beads

Eels as big as santa's bag of treats

The robins sing in such harmony



Freezing through the splashing, popping,

Water rushing stones

Water bubbles

Huge strong rocks blocking the icy flow

Water smashing over rocks

Splashing people,

Water thrashing,

Water crashing,

Soaking the grass,



Slowing down, running wider,

The river slips into a pool,

Dark ice-cold water

Deep water, calm water, ripples meandering,

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Slow carp in deep pools,
Grasping weeds to pull you down,
Down to the stones where the eels live,
Small fish, silver fish, white fish darting,
Fast as arrows, lightning flickers

Kingfishers dive, chasing fish
Graceful swans glide across the pool,
Carp sneak like ghosts through weeds and water



Trout blend in brown as sand, as stone, as shadows

Moss everywhere, under water, on the bank, over the stones, up the trees,
On the stepping stones where you wobble across the pool

Otters waiting
Big trout hunting
Deep dark, cold as ice

Yellow lightning flashes,
Thunder crashes!
Rain comes splashing down!
Every raindrop feeds the flood.



The river overloaded, bursting, flowing to the sea
A soggy disaster, dirty, nasty mess
Huge, wet, destroying, damaging,
We are left disgusted, exhausted, vulnerable

But now the river escapes to the sea.

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