

# *Haiku on the Hoosic*

*Rivers reflect us . . .*



Hoosic River Watershed Association  
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Haiku for HooRWA by Adriana M. Brown

Forsythia glows

Gold, yellow water's wind blows

Reflection it shows

Hoosic's uplifting

Above white clouds love drifting

Till winds like shifting

Dandelions peek

Through greening grasses they seek

Drowning all that's bleak

I often ponder

At river's flow down yonder

What is its wonder?

The Hoosic may gloat

Singing row, row, row your boat

Keeping us afloat.

Brown trout red speckles  
Decorate underwater  
Where love flows unseen

Overhanging willow  
At child's bedroom window  
White caterpillars fall

At Cheshire Harbor  
River drops deeply under cliff  
Creates water songs

Hoosac runs Northward  
Seeks Vermont and New York  
Hudson to the sea

There's a water fall  
In Spruces Park where we all  
With our dogs play ball

Leaning my shoulder  
In hot summer's big boulder  
Makes me feel colder.

By the bend of the bay  
Cottonwoods are there to stay  
Buds are out this May.

There is loud music  
On the river bank's Hoosic  
For a swell pic-nic!

North flows the Hoosic  
To Hudson then Atlantic  
North Sea, I'm homesick!!

In my childhood it  
soothed me to sleep at bedtime -  
the Hoosic's music.

—Deborah Burns

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Never-still waters  
Named by the Native people  
Mahikanutuck.

—Deborah Burns

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Afloat on the stream,  
A cascade of white petals.  
Hello Atlantic!

—Deborah Burns

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Is upstream the past  
Or is upstream the future?  
That's what I wonder.

—Deborah Burns

paniya movement of water sloshing slowly but  
surely moving in the creek the purple pebbles  
ringtails and frogs more more water at the shore

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Phg in the river  
playing with a ball with  
having fun <sup>a rat</sup> all day long

Water is life  
and we have to take  
care of it a lot



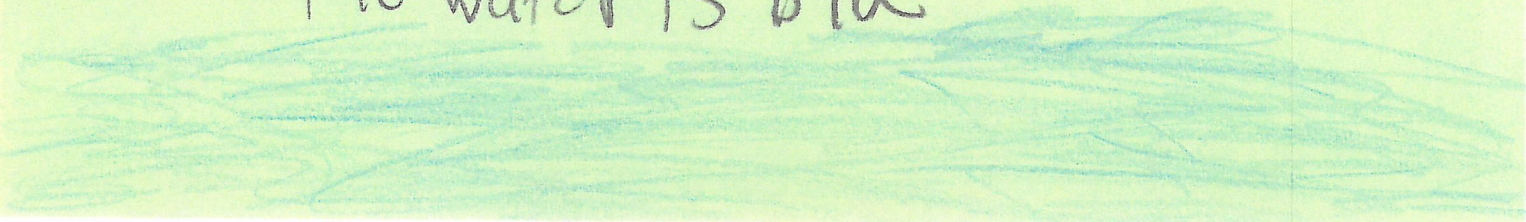
YAY water is wet  
rain is water from the sky  
water is so fun!

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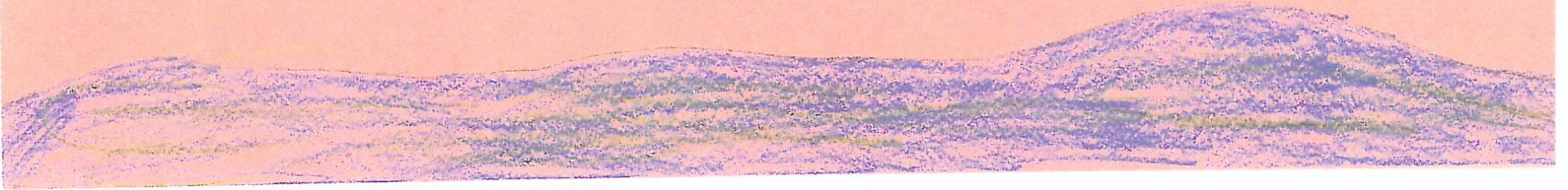
Green river rushing,  
Animals move quickly, yet  
Everything is peace

AG

Bygones the water is nice  
I have some rice it's spicy  
the water is blue



Clay -  
The rushing rapids  
O' great Hoosic River  
The brook trout jumping



# The River

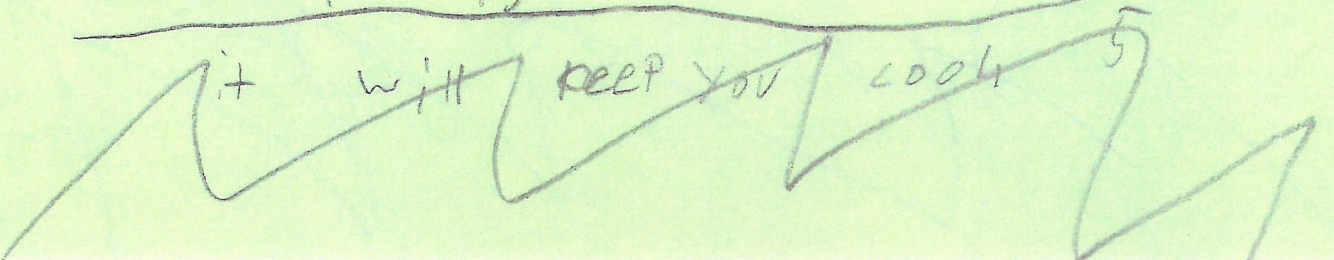
By Bonnie

Lewis

Calmly the  
river flows  
on.

It flows by  
my house.  
I see it as I  
walk by.

I so love water 5  
Because it is super cool 7  
it will keep you cool 5



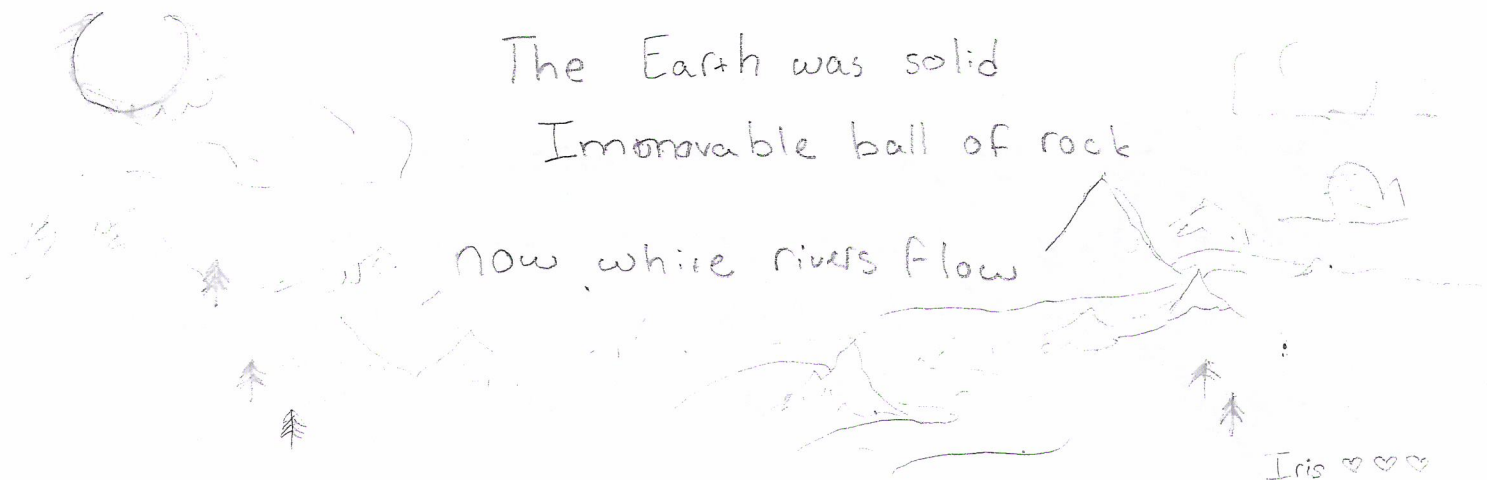


SOFT RIVER FLOWING

MOUNTAIN LETS LOOSE SMALL SHARP ROCK

PEBBLE INEVITABLE

esp



POWERED BY SMALL STREAM

PRAYER WHEEL SPINS UNCEASINGLY

PEACE, ALL BEINGS, PEACE...

esp

golden light blooming  
from spring rain, a robin struts  
then strikes, merciless

Vines grow up the walls

Like rivers wind through earth

Flow to completion

ECK

Nineteen eighty-eight  
bridge; confusion of wet rocks,  
is that old, or new?

musing the night  
moonbeams walk on the river  
reflecting heaven

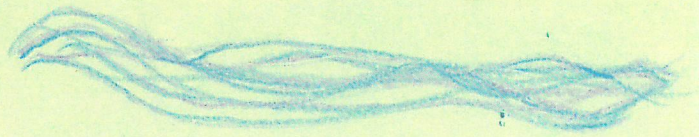
—Eileen Kennedy



fresh from Snow Capped hills  
Graceful in a Merry dance,  
Clear blue Waters flow

Helen Yorke

river, oh river  
how fast, oh how fast you flow  
oh hoosie river



Beautiful River  
I Toss A Round Pebble In  
It's rupting the Calm



-Dash Y.

Water hits my feet  
Standing on the river bank  
Sand between my toes

Patrick

The wooden bridges  
Crossing over the river

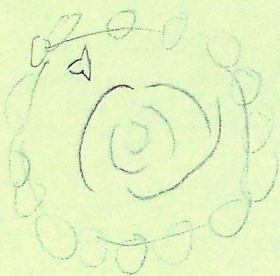
WOODEN  
BRIDGES

Trees are on each side

Bode

Small fish

I sit at water  
I see the water ripple  
a small fish appears



-Lila

Fast rushing water.

Splash by me, so very quick.

I love fast water.

Grace



The flowing Hoosic  
The rushing river rapids  
You flow forever

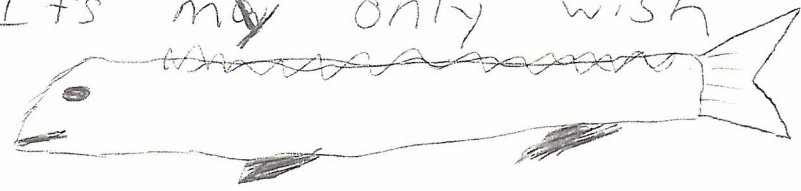
Patrick

Rivers are pretty  
a fish jumps over the waves  
it disappears down.

Charlie

Big Blue sea with fish  
You can serve them on a dish

It's my only wish



Ryder

Oh the calm shallows  
to the dangerous rapids  
Oh our green music  
our music is music

by Judah Filson

Water runs quickly  
Waterfall crashes on rocks  
Water moves along

Drew

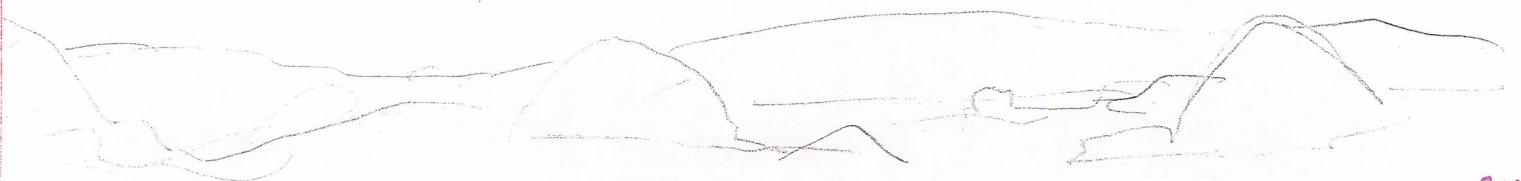
fish jumps, Dog barks Loud  
The dog sees a cat on top of  
cat jumps for a tree

-A r r h u r c

Blue water trickling  
Past the humble town it flows  
Ever degrading

LW

river in Utah  
the cold water makes it hard to bear  
we both hold our breath



CN





Fischer

Water flowing in  
rivers, blines, shallow, rills  
so cold so quiet nice!

One day calm and quiet  
Overnight storm: fast torrents—  
The changing Hoosic.


Linda Hughs

Small stream very cold  
Little stream small but bold  
Small stream short but long.


- Ruggles

water is Really Cold  
the boat is Sinking in water  
oliver water is also Hot

A fox  
Near the river  
is  
a fox drinking  
cold water  
He looks  
in the  
river and  
sees a fish

A simple drawing of a fox on the left and a fish on the right, both drawn in red and black. The fox is facing right, and the fish is facing left.

Oh rushing river,  
Sounds so nice to me at night,  
Helps me sleep tonight

-Mia 

There is a lake  
there is a very big  
lake  
I love the lake

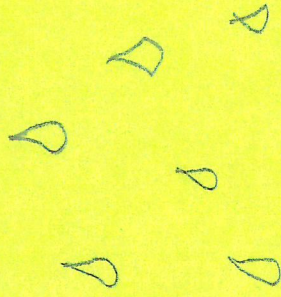
Calm



The water is still

Waves come from nowhere at all

Splash I am wet now



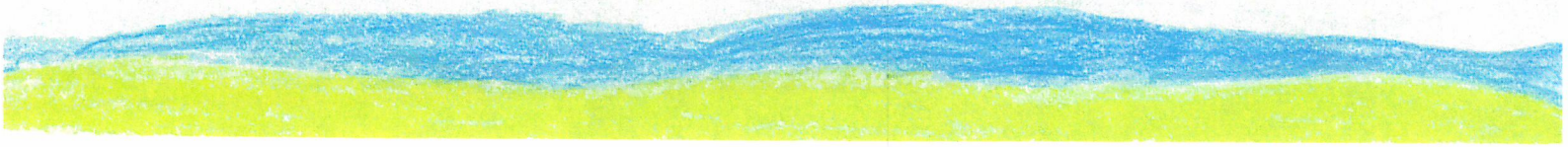
River you're soothing  
your cool waters let me sleep  
you are my perfect  
-Ania





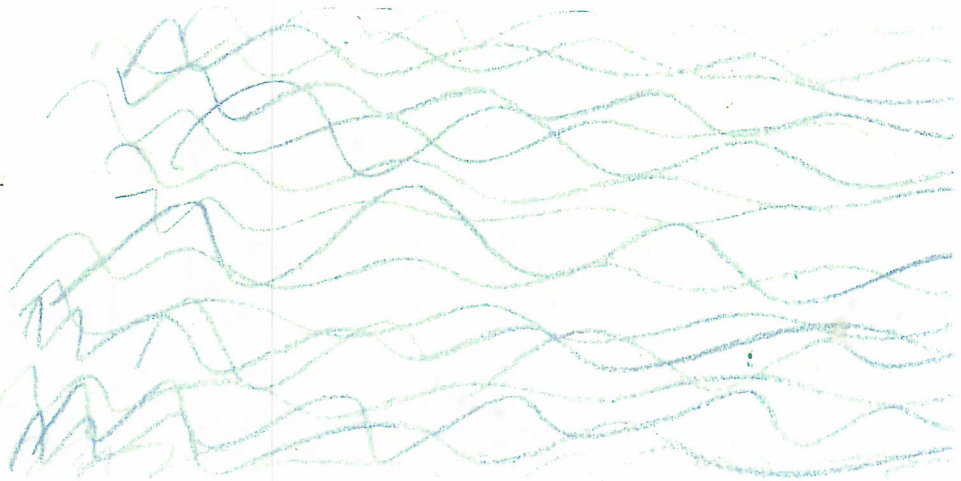
The Beach is so fun  
you can play ball, frisbee, fun

The Beach is so fun  
- Latifa



The river is fresh  
The current is strong and fast  
It is RELAXING

- abap

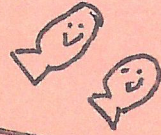


In the Amazon river

there is a fattest MONKEY  
which his name is BEN

Ryder

Soft and smooth Like A  
Fish, come to the hoosic take  
A dip..... So peaceful



Ian.L

Alex

Juno in river  
Juno has FUN in river  
Juno Loves river



wes.B COOL water flows through  
gurgling, splashing, rushing  
going towards a lake

Swirl, swirl go  
down the river bank whoosh, whoosh  
Water here we go



Elizabeth H

Lucy

The beach is so fun  
You can play ball and play frisbee fun  
The beach is the best

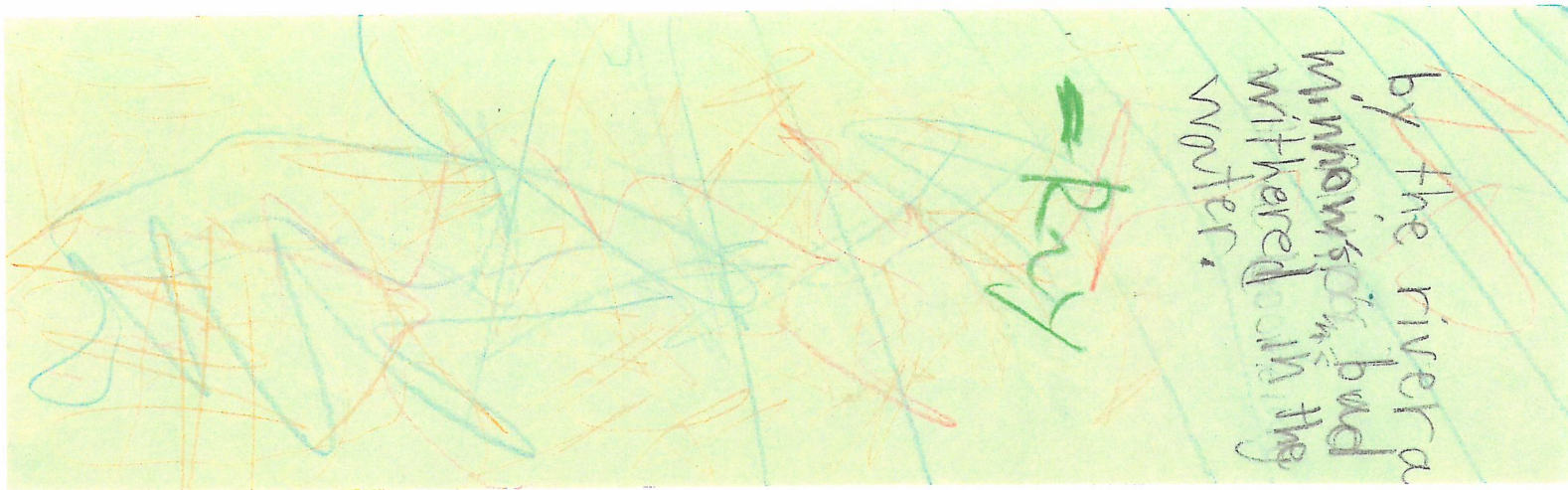


very Rodriguez

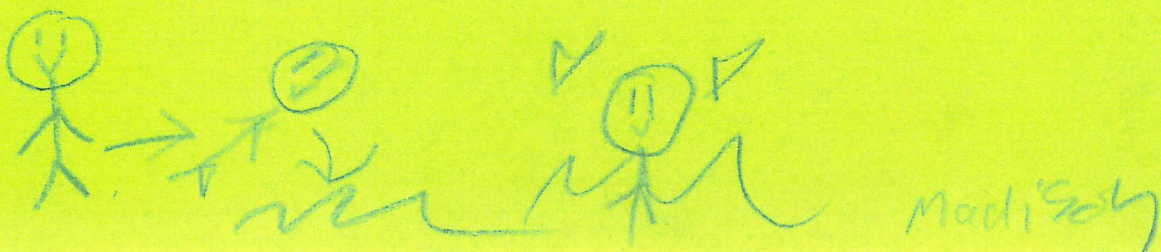
Swimming in river  
So beautiful clear water  
very refreshing

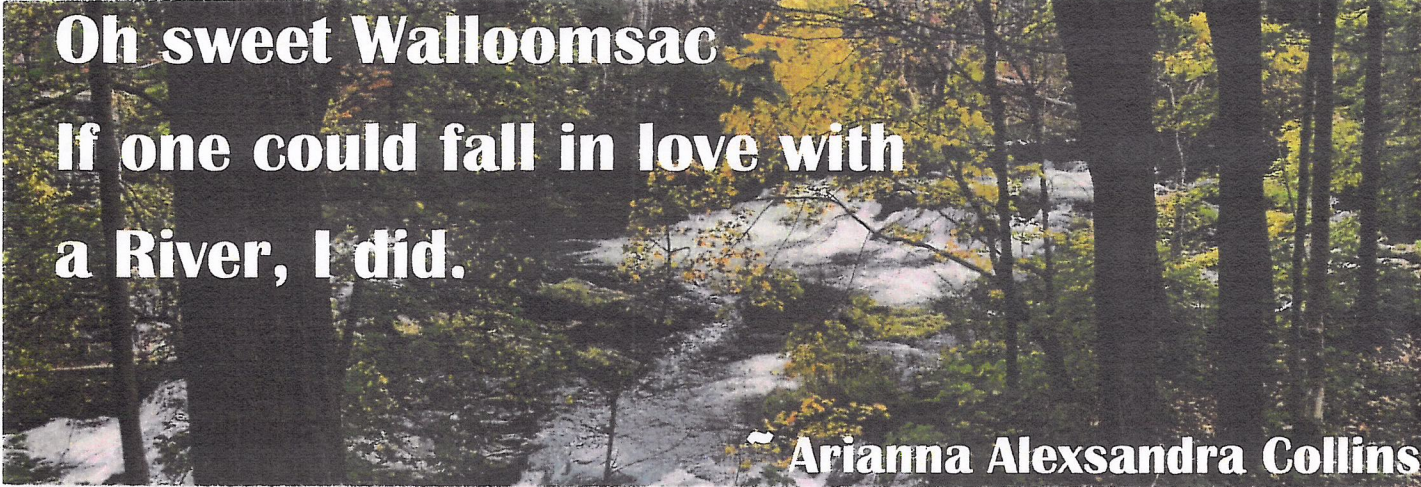
Maple whirligigs  
float on the gentle Hoosic  
catching a ride south.

Linda Hughs



I walk next to water. I fall into water while  
walking. I like the water. Yes.





**Oh sweet Walloomsac  
If one could fall in love with  
a River, I did.**

**~ Arianna Alexandra Collins**



**Follow me upstream  
My blood sings in this River  
a place I call home.**

**~ Arianna Alexandra Collins**



**Hoosic I feel you  
I pick up trash along the banks  
Hope you feel better.**

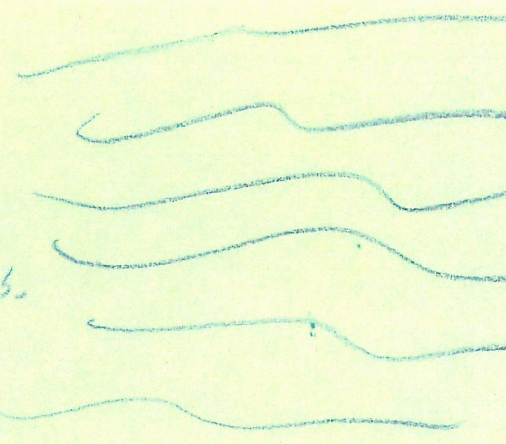
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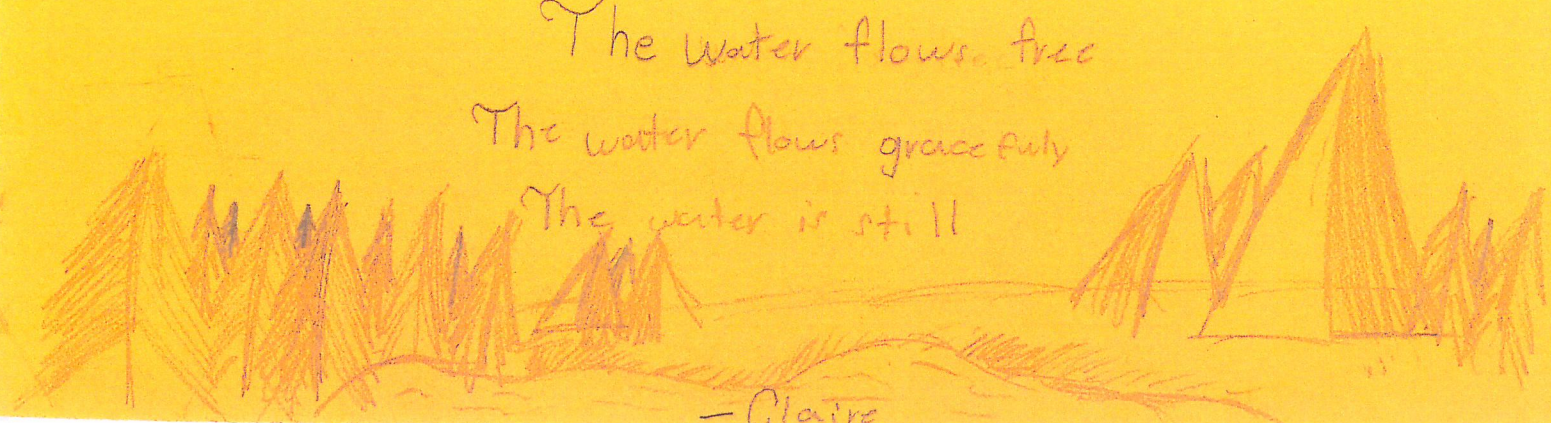
Rushing Hoosic hits  
huge gray boulders creating  
swirling fast eddies.

Linda Hughs

Near a river there  
Will be a majestic lake  
That has big trees and flowers.  
- Silas Silas



The water flows free  
The water flows gracefully  
The water is still



- Claire

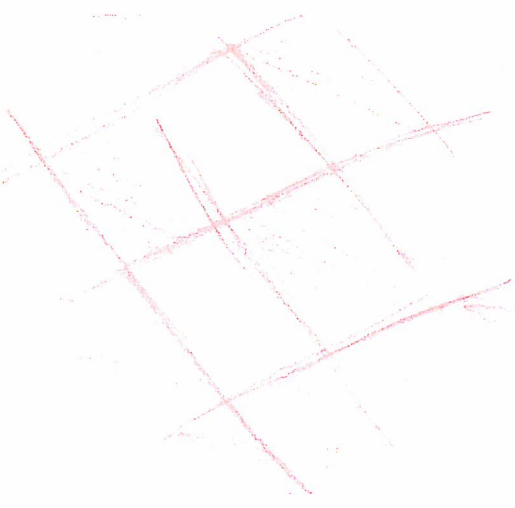
Beautiful water

Beautiful water.

The water moves fast fast fast!  
Smooth sounds from the bridge.  
- Bridget



Sudan ... min



near the pond is a  
fish and  
a big  
family  
having a  
picnic



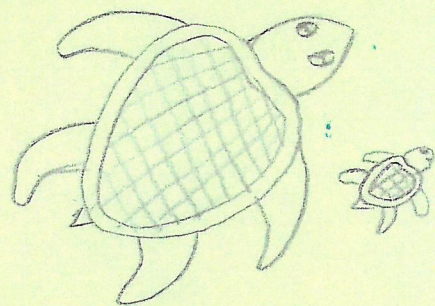
Bottle of water  
floating in the stream alone  
refridgerator



Nature does n't care  
Beauty is our perception  
But, she does the show

-Norah.N

The small fish swim fast  
Oceans very blue and clear  
Turtles love the sea



Useful for sprinting  
fortnite water is  
Green skulls  
fish sticks  
Grittying

Vile m's  
fortnite water  
haiku



TROOP OF LEMURS WAY  
to water drink cool and wet  
Natahike) the tree to eat

I am nature Come

My soul flows with the Hoosic

Plunge let me nurture

Splashing Water

The water splashes  
waves ripple faster, faster  
beautiful waves calm

- Grace

The Hoosic river

Sometimes strong and sometimes still  
with brook and brown trout.

-Jake

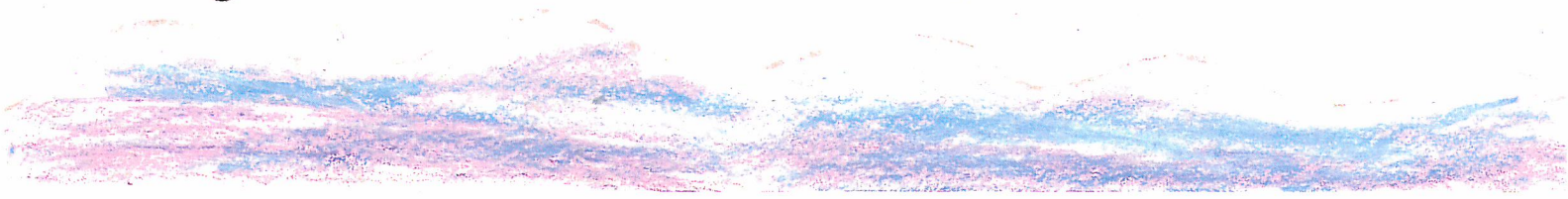
How far do you flow?  
O' Great beautiful river water  
The Hoosic River

Patrick

The water splashes  
The rainbow colored pebbles  
The hoosic river  
-Tilly

I need beach waves now  
vacation for days and days  
and relaxation

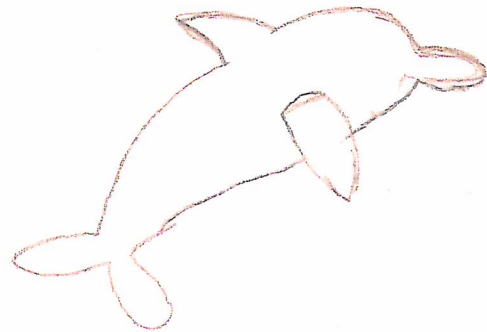
Cady



Akua R

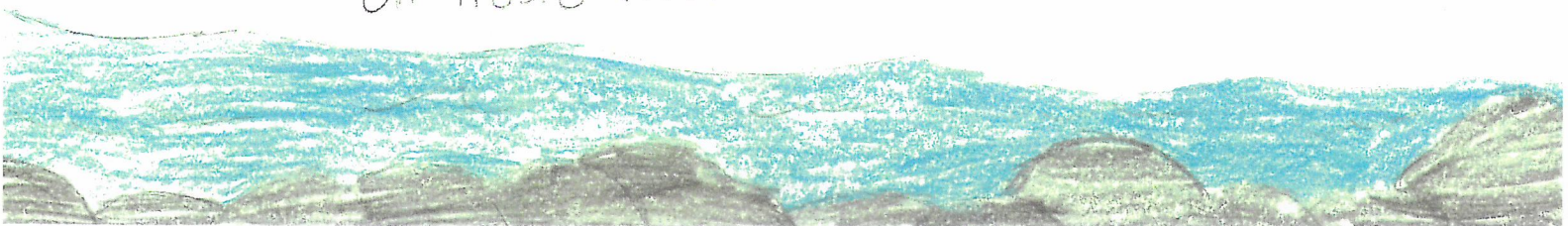
The dolphins swim fast  
The Ocean is amazing  
O beautiful sea

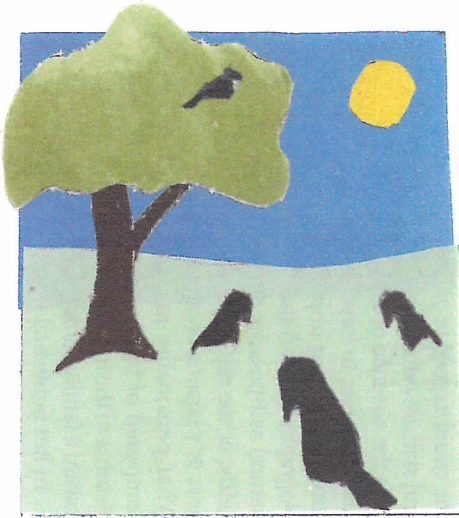
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Jayden

Smooth once jagged rocks  
river oh mighty river  
oh Holic river





Crows probing the lawn  
wander meandering paths  
They are called away

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liminal ripple  
flicker wing skip river, picked  
a twig and just stopped

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THE SOUND OF WATER  
WASHING OVER RIVER ROCKS  
A fete of SOLACE

• JENNIFER JAYKO

Where do you run to  
So brightly sun-capped River  
May I follow you?

Jennifer Jayko



A LOOSENING

GAZE LOCKED. THERE, THE PREY.  
A HAWK SLIPS ITS FAULTY CAGE.  
PLAYFUL, YIELDING OAK.

As two waters join,  
gurgling, do they remember  
we were always one



# Swimming

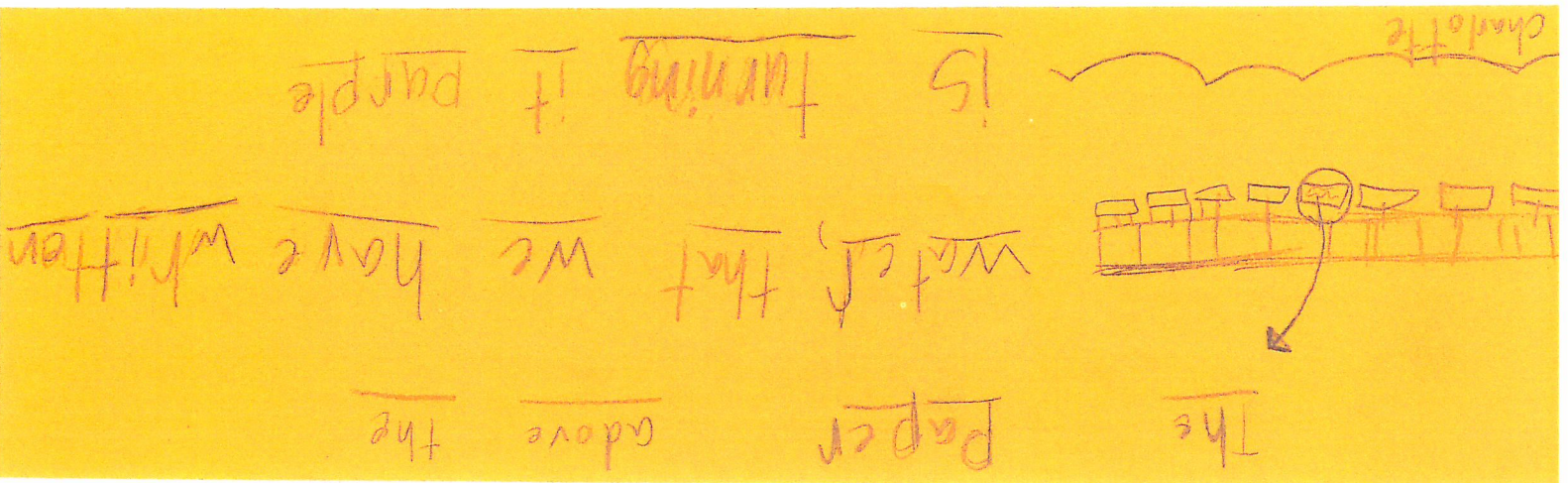
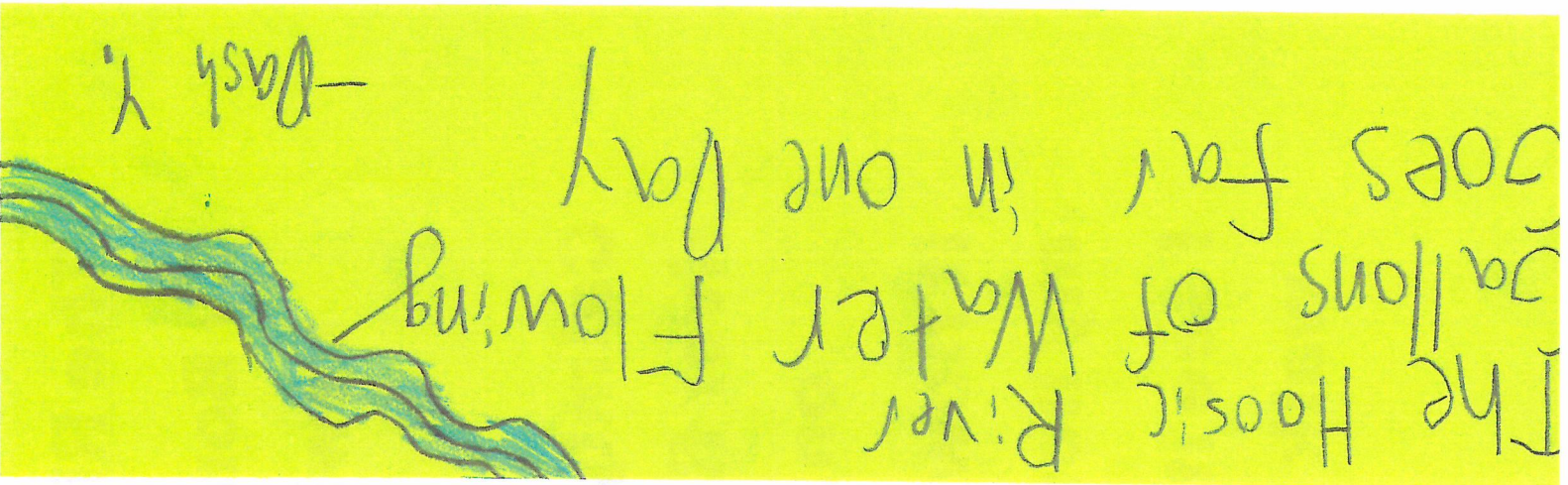
By Bonnie

Lewis

It is easy to  
swim.

Just jump  
into the  
river.

And swim  
back and  
forth.



deer taking a drink  
in the beautiful Hoosac  
with the happy fish

Willie Mae

Stone Hill rain streams  
by Christmas, Green, Hoosac, Hudson's herons  
to the sea

LKB

Water is so cold  
I also it's as cold as ice  
ahh It will cool you off



On-water is slow  
on the water flows too slow  
bxe slow water bxe

Jedaxix



Eve



a river flowing  
water going through quickly  
relaxing, peaceful

Foot ball in river  
tackle into the river  
Foot ball in the air

above the Green River  
an eagle sits impassively  
mooting a mob of crows  
—John Case

black March river  
confident  
comfortable as a cat  
—John Case

dirty road to town  
a slap of blue  
an eagle cleans the sky  
—John Case

in the autumn swale  
a brook slashes light  
through apathetic weeds  
—John Case

Cement entangled  
River requests nature's release  
Wild-flowing deep and cool

Tophet joins in Adams  
Where Polish music plays  
On happy mill-grounds

Circling towns  
Speed-running water wheel  
Hoosac deified

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On the floor of  
the cabin  
the eucalyptus  
stairs foretold  
the swirls of the  
eddies.

Aer Kaufman  
Cheshire

Flow slowly with me.  
Everything I see is ice.  
Melt away fear and doubt.

Timothea Plana

Swaying in the spring  
new leaf small breath  
So much to come summer  
Cecilia @ → Showcase event

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The river kisses the rocks  
it knows its way  
home.

Rose Oliver

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like a vein, she will  
flow. steady and always ~~be~~ in  
~~over~~ view.

like a vein, she will  
flow. steady and always in  
sight, always in the light  
- Jade Schnauber

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Water is our life,  
Fortunate for the beauty  
Provided us, here.

John Pittroff  
4/2/2024



River Pittroff

River forever  
new, a bright merganser holds  
then drifts, current borne



Sand bubbles with joy  
from underground aquifers.  
Marco Polo! - splash!

Rain from sun to sun  
The shallow river sated  
now thundering by

- Jennifer Jayke



# Haiku on the Hoosic Celebration



Join us on May 25, 10am-12noon  
at TOURISTS in North Adams, MA.  
Enjoy music, refreshments & haiku.

The Hoosic River Watershed Association invites everyone  
in our communities to celebrate our river by writing haiku inspired by  
the river and its surroundings.

Write your haiku on paper about two-and-a-half inches by eight inches.  
Illustrations welcome. You can leave poems at the North Adams or Milne  
libraries or mail them or drop them off at the HooRWA office.

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Please submit your poems at one of these sites no later than May 15.  
This will leave us time to laminate the haiku so they will hold up to the weather.

We will hang all the haiku for a week on the suspension bridge in back of  
TOURISTS, 915 State Road, North Adams, MA.

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