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Many rivers run
Down to many seas.
All my cares are one:
On what river of these
Could my heart have peace?

Two banks to each river.
None where I may stray
Hearing the rushes shiver
And seeing the river ever
Pass, yet seem to stay.

Maybe there is another
River, but far from Me.
There I may meet the Brother
Of my eternity.
In what God will this be?

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