

“LICKING RIVER SONG”

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Barred owl calling, middle of the night
Fawn and doe grace the water's side
Sycamore and maple a natural flow
Past foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

Freshwater Fan-shell river clams
Pools glides and riffles far from the dam
Hummingbird and damsel-fly, beaver bass and crow
Past foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

From a mountain seep, Magoffin pride
Life and nature intertwine

So much history echoes from the past
Boone and Kenton and the cannon's blast
Spirits all marching down the old dirt road
Through foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

Strong yet fragile stream alive
Crayfish and possum and the trumpet vine
For our children's children so they may know
The foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

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