The Licking River Song
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A part of Reading the River

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

Freshwater Fanshell/river clams
Pools, glides and riffles/far from the dam
Hummingbird and damsel-fly/beaver, bass and crow
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So much history/echoes from the past
Boone and Simon Kenton/the cannon’s blast
Spirits marching down the old dirt road
Through foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

Strong yet fragile/stream alive
Crawfish, possum and trumpet vine
For our children’s children so they will know
The foothills and valleys as the
Licking River goes

From a mountain seep/Magoffin pride
Life and nature/intertwine
Head on to the great Ohio
Head on to the deep blue sea