



# RIVERSONG

CLYDE AND CHELMER · CAM AND CALDER ·

LEA AND SEVERN · THAMES AND WYE

DIPPER · OTTER · TROUT AND STONEFLY ·

River's song is ebb and flow, flow and ebb --  
Deep pool and shallow bed,  
Salt and fresh, eddy, current  
Spiral, tongue and blue, blue torrent --

River rises as spring and source,  
River pools as lake and loch,  
River plunges as fall and force,  
For River is the path that walks.

*But they gave the orders  
and turned the waters  
To sink and sump,  
stink and dump, from hill to sea;  
Suits and boardrooms  
made ghosts of gods,  
Turned River's songs to elegies.*

Let silver River  
Run quick and quicker  
Far and nearer, once and ever,  
Clear and clearer --

So gather the waters, sons and daughters,  
Braid the currents and weave the flows,  
Let River shiver you from skin to bone --  
For River's song is the song of songs  
And River's will is stronger than stone.

BULRUSH · EEL · SWIMMER · ALDER ·

