

1829

## **TO THE RIVER**

**Edgar Allan Poe**

*Poe, Edgar Allan (1809-49) - American poet, short-story writer, and critic who is best known for his tales of ratiocination, his fantastical horror stories, and his genre-founding detective stories. Poe, whose cloudy personal life is a virtual legend, considered himself primarily a poet. To the River\_\_ (1829) - One of Poe's poems. Opening lines: Fair river! in thy bright, clear flow / Of crystal, wandering water, ...*

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Fair river! in thy bright, clear flow  
Of crystal, wandering water, Thou art an emblem  
of the glow Of beauty- the unhidden heart  
The playful mazes of art In old Alberto's  
daughter; But when within thy wave she looks  
Which glistens then, and trembles  
Why, then, the prettiest of brooks  
Her worshipper resembles; For in his heart, as in thy  
stream, Her image deeply lies  
His heart which trembles at the beam  
Of her soul-searching eyes.

**THE END**