

**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 mazziness 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**