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## Raising River Bums on the Cheap

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## RAISING RIVERBUMS ON THE CHEAP

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towel  
bread  
peanut butter    drinking water

love of river  
minnow                      marsh willow  
striated smooth-run mud-stuck rock  
and a day.

I sit in current shallows  
youngest son, little one and I,

sandbar breaks the curve  
                    big kids take turns  
tube-floating    island-side  
dented pirate-bucket lies  
in sand.

no kayaks, oars, canoes  
no SUP  
someday, okay                      but for now  
our chacos tans                      second-hand  
and the river runs our sun-loved skin the same.