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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.