

## **White on the River**

Clouds  
drift in  
surface-float,  
zigzag birch trunk  
splays on river flow.  
Water lily petals  
double in reflection.  
Ebony jewel damselflies  
alight—white spot on female wings.  
Water escapes log tangle, bubbles white.

Even when landscape dissolves shades of green  
in mud-green river, white calls our gaze—  
tail band of flycatching kingbird,  
light belly as red-tail soars,  
petals of arrowhead,  
glare on our paddles  
as we pull red  
canoe through  
August  
heat.

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