

River Arrow Poem

Read the poem below by Suzanne Butters.

The Journey of the Arrow

High in the Radnor Hills,
A river springs into life.
Welsh streams, crystal clear, fold
And meet and join, flow down the land,
The River Arrow is born.

Sometimes the Arrow runs deep,
Trout move in its shadows,
Sometimes the water is pebble smooth
And deer drink in its shallows.

Past cottage doors and fields of corn,
The river flows ever southwards.
Through reeds and willow roots,
Where dippers skim and otters swim,
And dogs and people paddle.

Give thanks for the River Arrow.

Key Points

Where is the poem placed?
What does the poem describe?

Can you find a rhyme?
Can you find rhythm in the words?

Word Bank

flowing, winding, meandering, rushing,
bubbling, trickling, rippling, swirling,
splashing, calm, still, deep, shallow, clear,
murky, muddy, drink, flow, sparkling,
smooth, paddle, stream, current, channel,
splash, splosh, drip, drop, trickle, gurgle,
babble, rustle, whisper, sigh, chirp, tweet,
croak, buzz, hum



Write your own river poem

Use some words from 'The Journey of The Arrow' and the word bank to write your own poem. Your poem should tell a story, think about how the rivers moves or who lives on it or uses it. Remember poetry never stays still - like the River Arrow - the best poems ever written start with an inspired idea and flow outwards.
