

## **River Teme and River Clun**

I am the Teme!  
I began with my brother Clun  
And then I took my own path,  
We were born from raindrops in the hills,  
The rain is my friend, it helps me grow strong

I am the Teme!  
I am stronger than my brother Clun,  
I own the meadow with my powerful current,  
I race to the confluence, I hold the Clun hostage,  
My brother is trapped within me,  
I am the Teme! I am faster-flowing!

My turn to speak! I am the Clun!  
I am an evergreen kind of river,  
I never lose my water like my sister Teme,  
Once I turned the mill wheel, ground the corn,  
Now I fumble around, trying to regain my fragmented memory

Be quiet! I am the Teme! I am the boss!  
I can burst my banks whenever I want!  
I burst my banks when I throw tantrums!  
It makes me feel free!  
People tried to contain me, capture me, isolate me,  
I was frustrated! I knocked trees over with my rapid current!  
Nobody is in control of me! I am the Teme!  
Beware! Hidden dangers live within me!  
I can take you away when I'm not able to control myself...

But when I am calm and peaceful, my voice is music,  
An instrument, like a harp or violin,  
Fish swim in my ripples, I am their home,  
Every summer I welcome the salmon,  
My Sargasso friends, back to their birthplace,  
I am relieved to see them again

Young children learn to swim in me,  
I guide them, teach them, catch them,  
I always join in your games, but you never notice,  
I'm here to play, but stay away from my depths,  
I don't mean to hurt you,  
My crashing waves under the bridge make people dizzy,  
Watch out! Don't fall in me!

I am the Teme! And I am the Clun!  
In autumn and winter, we are not lonely,  
The cold, bare trees keep us company,  
We never flow back, we push ourselves forwards,  
The life we live in is a labyrinth of water,  
Working tirelessly, we are your rivers,  
We are the lifeblood of your village

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