

## Spring's destiny

high in the Cascades,  
a mountain spring  
bubbles into small stream  
tumbling down mountain  
creating turbulent eddies  
picturesque waterfalls  
other narrow creeks join  
widening the channel  
sudden, precipitous cataracts  
over cliffs, then an easier slope  
as stream becomes river,  
rocks create dangerous whirlpools  
waterway now broad, sluggish, fewer eddies, cascades,  
logjams pile up against the banks, sometimes the river splits  
forming oxbow lakes islands  
as it enters the delta high tide water pushes the estuary back  
forming brackish water, flowing further to final destiny, absorbed into ocean.



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