

## Raising Riverbums on the Cheap

towel

bread

peanutbutter    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.