

The Negro Speaks of Rivers

a piacere ♩ = 60

I've known ri - vers: I've known ri - vers an - cient as the
world and old - er than the flow of hu - man blood in hu - man veins.
My soul has grown deep like the ri - vers. ...like the
ri - vers. I bathed in the Eu - phra - tes when

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dawns were young. I built my hut by the Con-go and it lulled me to sleep.

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My soul has grown deep like the ri - vers. ...like the

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ri - vers. My

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soul has grown deep... my soul has grown deep like the ri - vers.

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I looked up - on the Nile__ and raised the py - ra - mids a-bove it.__

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I heard the sing-ing of the Miss - i - ssi - ppi_____ when Abe Lin-coln went down to New Or-

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leans,_____ and I've seen its mud-dy bot-tom turn all gol - den__ in the

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sun - set. My

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soul has grown deep... my soul has grown deep... I've known ri - vers.

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An - cient, dusk - y ri - vers. My

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soul has grown deep... my soul has grown deep like the

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ri - vers... like the ri - vers...