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Read the extended poem. Then look closely at its structure and sounds.

THE RIVER'S SONG

The river hums a quiet song.
It carries little leaves along.
They dip and spin, then drift away,
Like tiny boats that cannot stay.

I sit beneath a shady tree.
The river brings its song to me.
I listen as the waters flow;
My busy thoughts begin to slow.

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2. Circle the number of stanzas.

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3. Underline the two end words that rhyme in the first two lines.

Read those lines aloud and gently tap the beat.

4. How does the focus change from the first stanza to the second stanza?

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The first stanza describes the river. The second
shows how the river makes the speaker feel.

5. What does "hums a quiet song" help you imagine?

It helps me imagine the river making a soft, peaceful
sound as the water flows.