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I have never had the desire to live on the sea
or on a lake
The lake seems complacent and even the sea is too stationary
I go there for a day
or a week
to contemplate stillness
But my life is too fast for a drowsy, docile pond
or the oppressive ocean with its fickle tides

I want to live on the river
She was born determined
And fights her way through the earth
always pushing to move further, faster
The river does not whisper like the lake
or sigh with the ocean’s heaving breath
Nor does she mumble
like an unassuming stream, indecisive and wandering
She chides me as she passes
She dares me to catch up
To move as fast
as forward
as possible

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