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And I know my freedom.

The river coursing
Through its channel
Down to the waiting sea,

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The sixty-foot
Vertical rise
Of brick and glass
Surrounded by
A parking lot
Clawing the Earth
To submission,

And I know my freedom.

And then the wind
Gently brushed my eyes
And I knew
That I would never
Be that free,
It comes and goes,
Starts and stops,
And you only know
Where it's been
And never know
Where it's going,

And now I truly know
My FREEDOM.

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