

I, the dragonfly
Flight along the summer wind
Land upon a leaf

On the riverside
There! A small fish swimming by
That is food for me

Fast and strong I fly
Fish is swimming slow beneath
Fish is caught by me

Trees and grasses here
Riverside is full of life
All except this fish

Land upon a leaf
Nothing here hungrier than
I, who eats a fish

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I, the raven, fly
Light upon a summer breeze
Black against night sky

Moonlit ground below
Dancing as the grasses wave
As the river flows

I, the shadowed bird
Flight along the quiet wind
Land without a word

Look about the night
Look about the riverside
Look for food tonight

Grasses waving slow
Leaves are rustled by the wind
Dancing to and fro

Look for food, I try
Somewhere in the river night

Food catches my eye

There! Something I spy
Flying under the moonlight
There: a dragonfly

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I, the dragon, fly
See a black bird coming near
Thus, away I fly

Flit out of the way
Trying to escape the eye
Of the bird of prey

My exhausted flight
Look up: there is the moonlight
And down is the ground

And behind me flies
Raven, vigorous in flight
Tired me is found

I, the dragonfly
Feel the beak against my chest
Tired, so I rest