

## The River Story

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The river came flowing  
Along the hooded boat  
The hood on the boat,  
The river on the boat,  
A heron on the poop,  
The evening resting on the heron's back.

The boatman sings a *bihu* song

In a lightning flash I remembered you  
I was not destined to meet you  
But your eyes are so terribly attractive  
You pierced me with a lance.

Under the hood  
The river flows on silently.

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