

## Manjit Saikia Chaliha's Poem

### An Eco-poem

Entering the bottle  
The river got sold  
Water is free  
But bargain began.

The river kept hanging  
From each hand  
And all bags.

The empty bottles  
Kept floating  
On the river.  
The river got polluted  
In exchange of pure water.  
Entering the empty bottles  
The river got sold again.

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