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Dreamy Rivers Flowing Under Bridges

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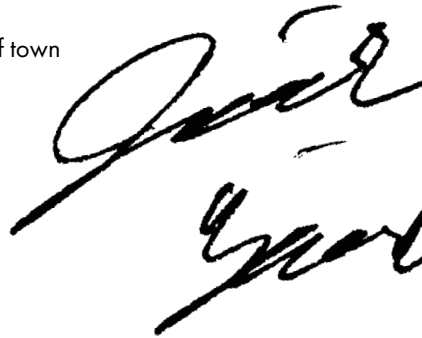
There is a place, small where the river runs under a bridge
Where I dream, and see throughout time
A glimpse of future deeds,
A place where dreams shape themselves and are given life.
This small place where all around you life is busy
with the passing of cars, and people doing busy things

Here.....

A hidden nook in the world. To rest, reflect, and think big thoughts
Quiet and clean, where Michael's and my bikes rest
By the bench and we stare at the flowing water,
Shaded by leaf-rich trees and ever-swaying reeds
Not quite quiet, but never loud. Where the noise
Of cars transforms to a dull hum.
Pervasive and low like large dragonflies.
Calm, and wonderful.
We rest here, having reached the far point of our wanderings,
And we talk sometimes.
But mostly watch the flow of serenity.
Then, when our breath comes easy,
Bike up the trail to see the dam.
Marvel at the rush of water.

Then we pedal up the hills and ride
Through the only stoplight intersection in the center of town
Back to familiar backyards of Temple Street.
Back into the fray of living,
Back to the heavy weight of growing up
But back, that water calls to me still, and that calm,
That flowing restful place beckons:

I will be here when you need me again.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josiah Zuiderveen', is positioned on the right side of the page, overlapping the end of the poem's text.

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