

THE RIVER

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Silk Road – Kitaro

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- Valerie Bloom was born in Jamaica in 1956
- A poet – a person who writes poem
- A novelist – she writes stories for children

STANZA 1

A *wanderer*



A wanderer is a person who moves from one place to another without hurry and without purpose

A *nomad*



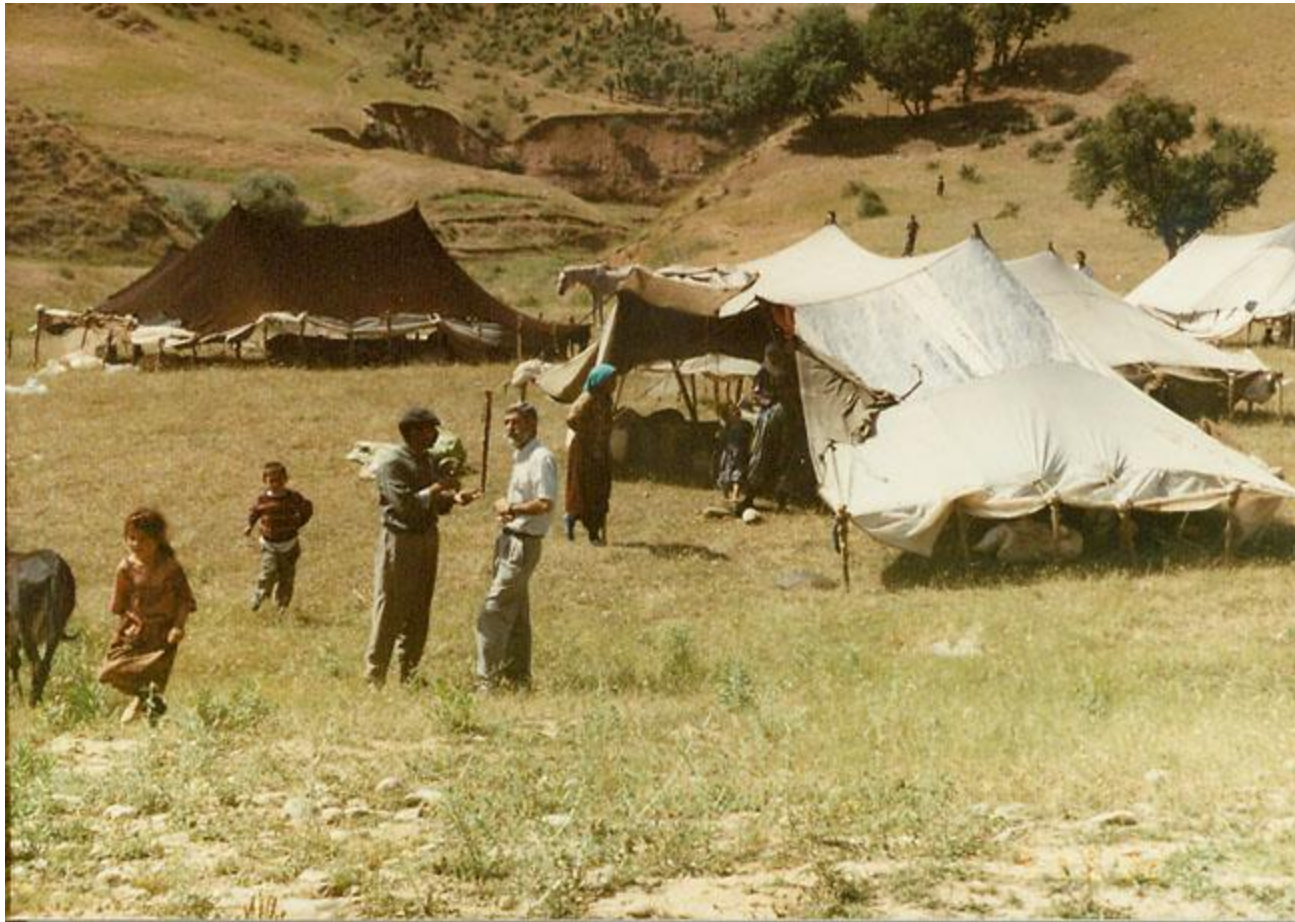
A nomad is a member of a group that moves from place to place and does not have a permanent home

A *tramp*



A tramp is a person who has no home, moves from place to place and begs for money

A wanderer, a nomad and a tramp do not settle down in a particular place because they are always on the move.



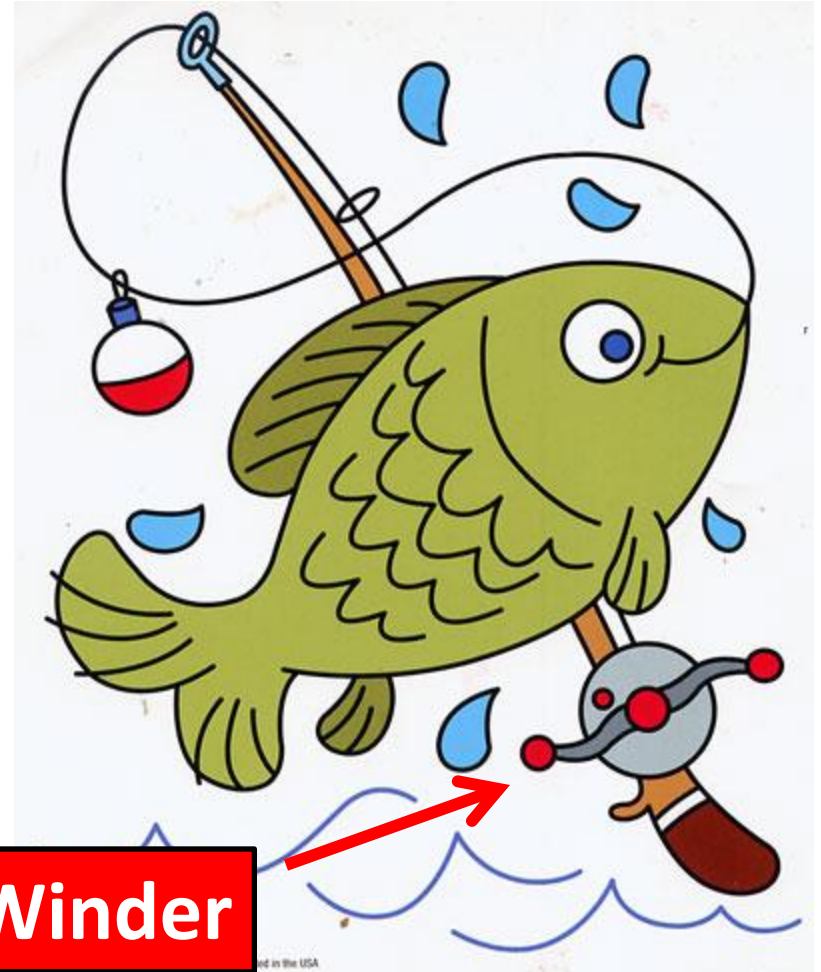
The River's a wanderer,
A nomad, a tramp,
He doesn't choose one place
To set up his camp.

The river
moves or
flows without
stopping



STANZA 2

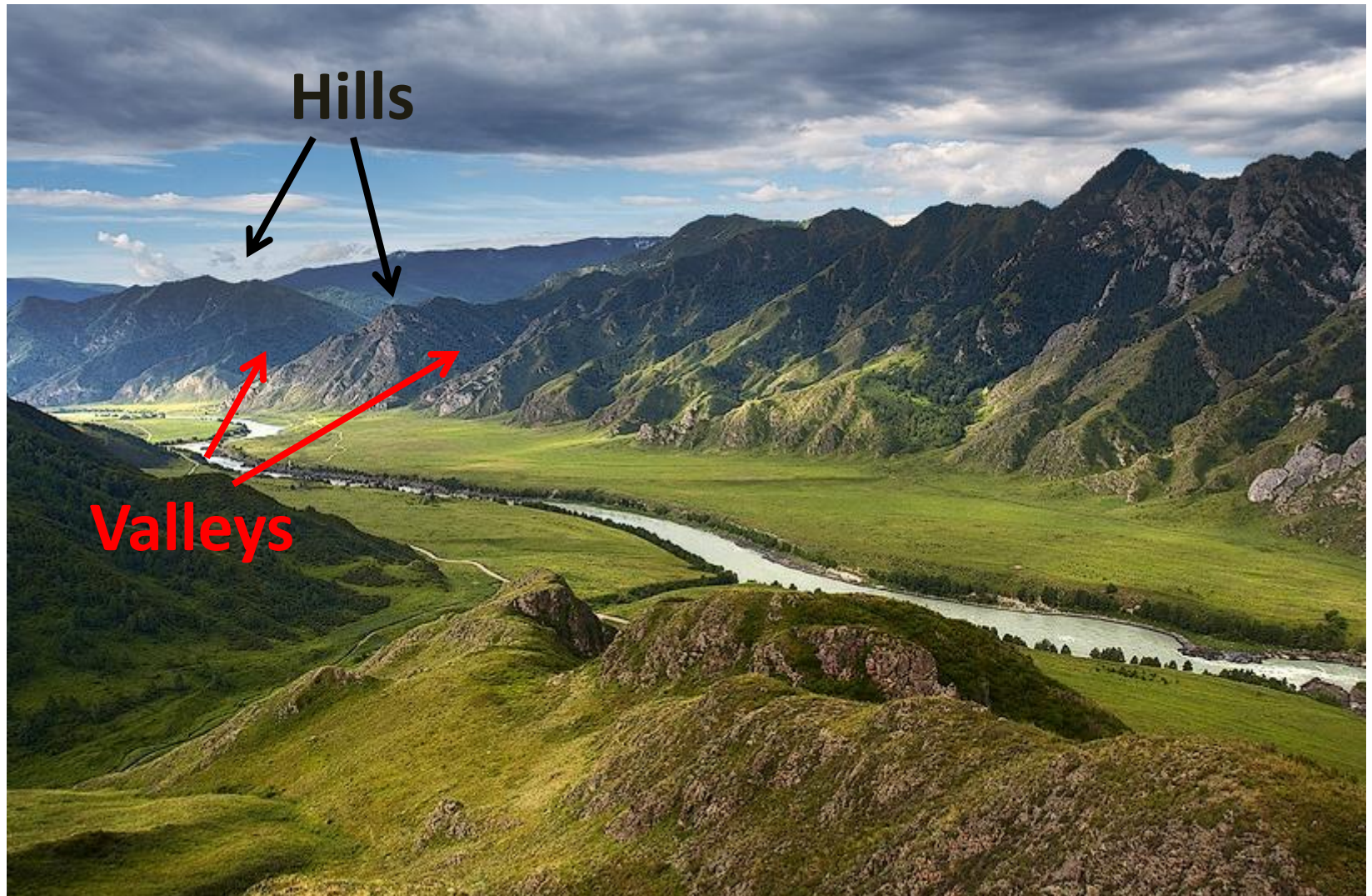
A *winder*



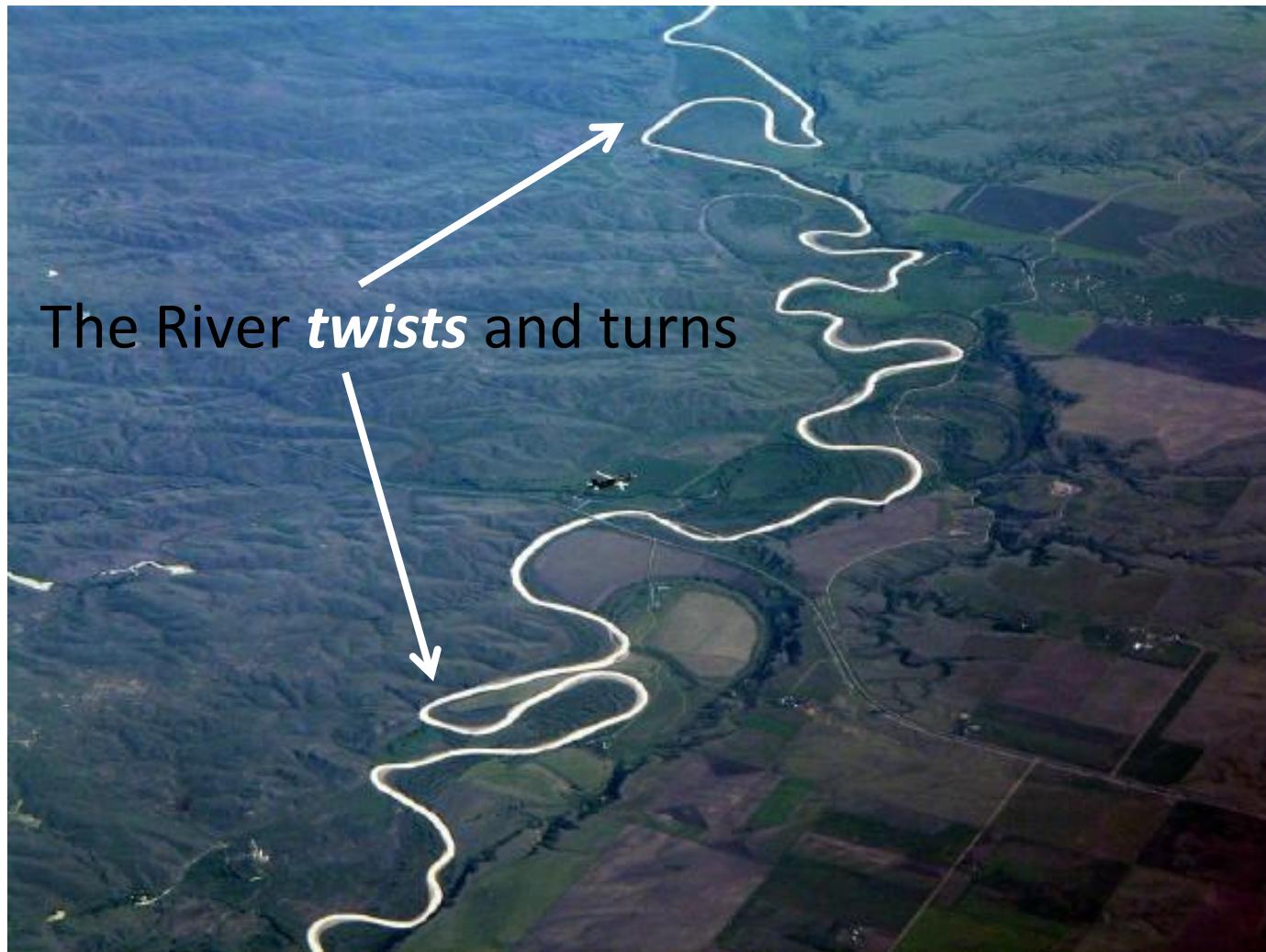
Winder

A winder is a thing that turns or rolls something

Through **valley** and hill



A valley is a gap between hills



The River *twists* and turns

Twist means bend

The River's a winder,
Through valley and hill
He twists and he turns,
He just cannot be still.

The river does not
move in a straight
line. As it flows, it
will turn left and
right.



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STANZA 3

A *hoarder*



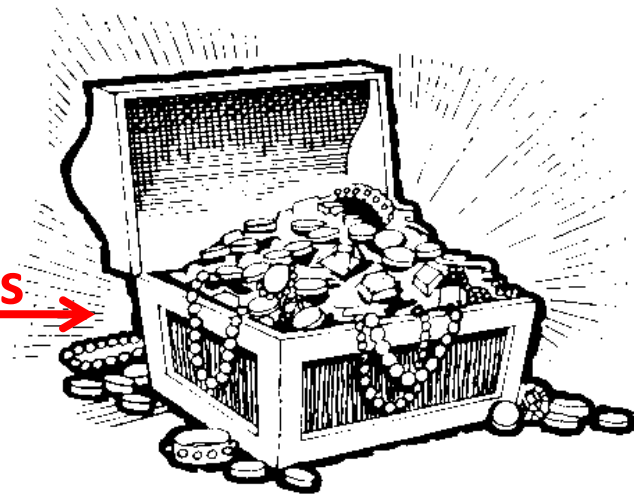
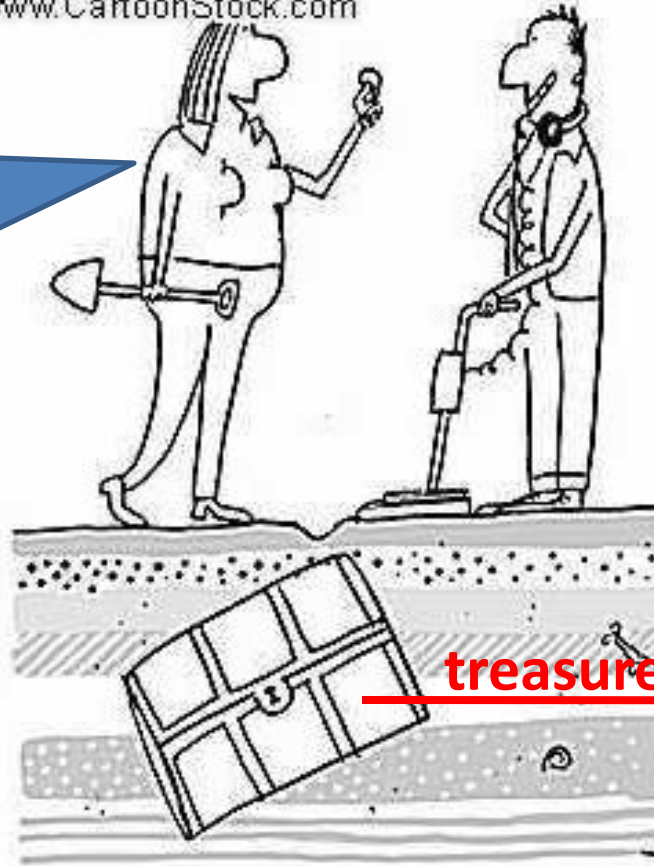
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A hoarder is a person who likes to collect and keep things

The River ***buries*** down deep
Those little ***treasures***

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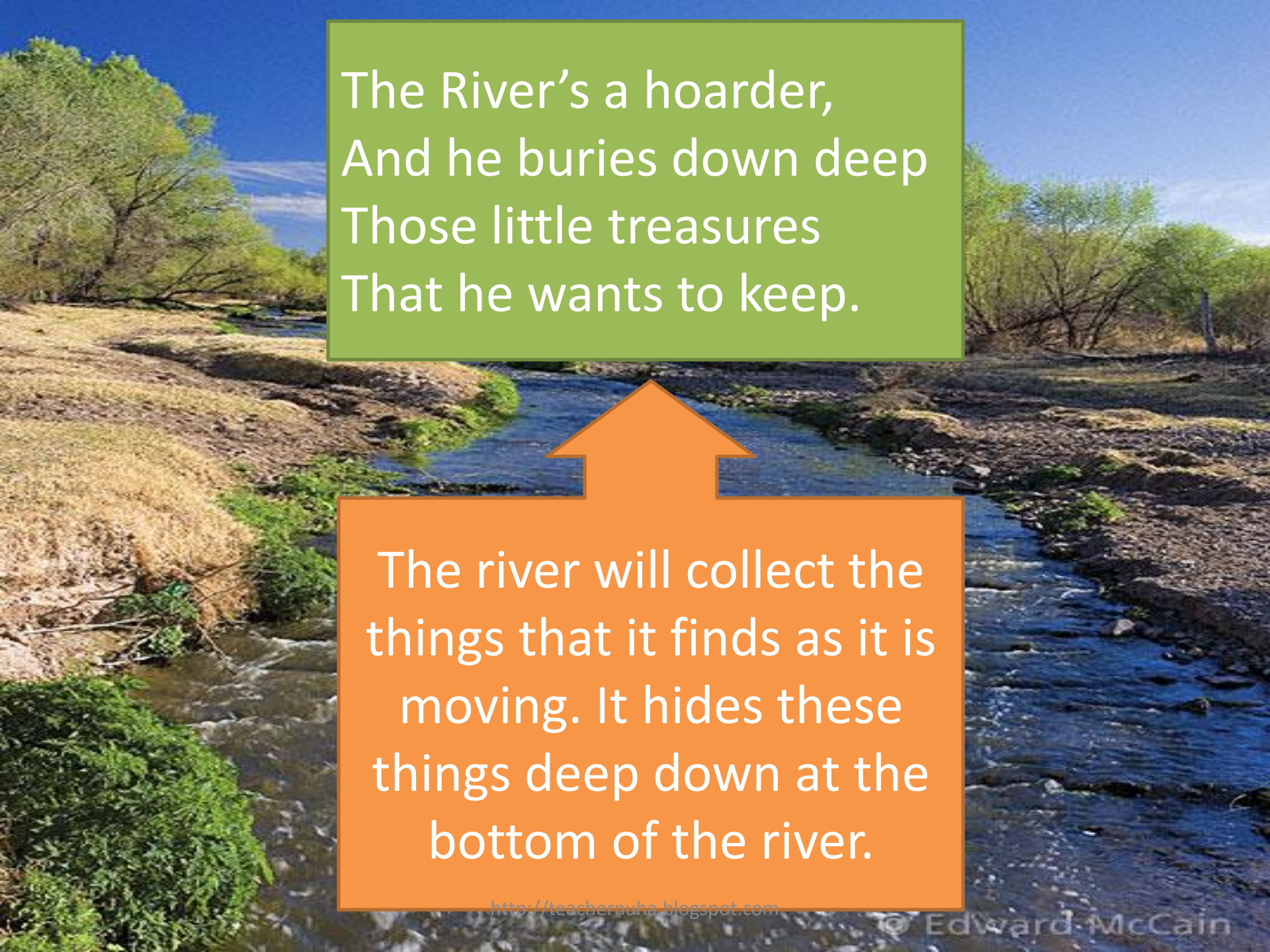
I have
buried the
treasures.



Bury means hide.

Treasures are precious or valuable objects.

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The River's a hoarder,
And he buries down deep
Those little treasures
That he wants to keep.

The river will collect the
things that it finds as it is
moving. It hides these
things deep down at the
bottom of the river.



sand



soil

Example of things that the river
hoards / collects



Falling leaves



Pebbles / stones

STANZA 4

The River's a baby, He ***gurgles*** and ***hums***,

When a baby gurgles, he makes a bubbling
sound

When a baby hums, he makes a low, steady
continuous sound like that of a bee

The River's a baby,
He gurgles and hums,
And sounds like he's happily
Sucking his thumbs.



The river makes a soft
sound when it flows as if
the river is happy. The soft
sounds are like a baby's
gurgles and hums.

STANZA 5

The River's a singer,

As he dances along,
The countryside *echoes*
The notes of his song.



Echoes happen when
sounds bounce back

The River's a singer,
As he dances along,
The countryside echoes
The notes of his song.



- The sound of the flowing river is like a song.
- The movement of the flowing river is like a dance.
- When the river flows down through the village, the river's sound can be heard by the villagers.

STANZA 6

The River's a *monster*
Hungry and *vexed*,

A monster is a
large, ugly, and
frightening
fantasy creature

Vexed means
angry



He ***gobbled*** up trees
And he'll ***swallow*** you next.

Gobbled means eat
quickly and noisily

Swallow means to
allow something to
pass down the
throat





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The river is like a monster when it floods.

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**The floods can
destroy animals,
plants, homes and
kill humans.**

