I Am the Mississippi

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Along the edge of the mississippi A thousand hearts bleed My heart looking for something to execute In the mississippi Up against its current My heart so alive Submerged in the dark

Who could hold me here Who could hold me down Sitting on the edge of the mississippi River of slaves River of bones I have been down here Across generations A lifetimes ago I was sold amongst the thieves I don't ignore the cries I hear them

I am conscious along the mississippi I hear the footsteps of ghosts I hear them scream behind me I see their boats sink Rob from always on the run is so bad and copy paste is a sin But I am very alive She draws me to her breath She whispers with her voice Her comfort is all I want or need Alone on saturday night Me and the mississippi

Two rivers flowing together Flowing internal A river of darkness A river of light Blend as one

Together against the impossible Ends we face Our lunatic charm She can never claim me Nor I her We flow together eternal We flow together as one

And I am the mississippi