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## Affidavit of the Woman Who Jumped from Clay's Ferry Bridge

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I laid low for the first week and surfaced  
only once or twice the second. After  
sixteen days in the water, I came up,  
and now the fisherman who greeted me  
shits his pants every time he thinks  
of crappie fishing at the mouth of Dix River.

You see, I was hung up in a deadfall  
on the downstream side of the confluence.  
He told the authorities that he saw me,  
reached out, then I came right out of my skin.

But the truth is that I came up exhausted  
and held out a hand. The bastard spooked  
and left me half naked, consumed,  
just like every other man I've ever known.

So I let my body dissolve in backwater  
where two rivers meet, where I'm  
occasionally kissed by small fish and where,  
beneath the calm surface, heavy, dark,  
vague, nightmarish things pass close by.