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Katie

I actually stumbled upon this while reading the introduction to a scientific journal article (further proof that scientists can be thoughtful poetic people as well!)

It made me think of Dayton...

I do not know much about gods; but I think the river

Is a strong brown god | sullen, untamed and intractable,

Patient to some degree, at first recognized as a frontier;

Useful, untrustworthy, as a conveyer of commerce;

Then only a problem confronting the builder of bridges.

The problem once solved, the brown god is almost forgotten

By the dwellers in cities | ever, however, implacable,

Keeping his seasons and rages, destroyer, reminder

Of what men choose to forget. Unhonoured, unpropitiated

By worshippers of the machine, but waiting, watching and

Waiting.

T. S. Eliot, The dry salvage