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## DARK WATERS

By M. Ludington Cain

**T**HE spring moon swells the river,  
The waters clutch like hands  
Where willow branches quiver  
Above the pebbly sands.

But no moon knows the secret  
The swirling waters keep,  
And whether the moon is new or full  
The waters are dark and deep.

The summer moonlight lingers  
On shimmering grasses there,  
The zephyr's gentle fingers  
Comb out their shining hair. . . .

But no moon saw the gypsies come,  
And no moon saw them go,  
And only the midnight shadows  
Guess what the waters know—

Some say there was a lover,  
Some say there was a child,  
But whatever the shadows cover,  
The waters are dark and wild.