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## Lost in the Flood

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The rivers ran with wine  
the jester dared dive in  
he was all the better for it  
and made a killing from the sale  
filling ditches with his wares

But a killing never goes unpunished  
and we did away quietly with him  
realizing what a waste  
new wine in old skins can be

Now the rivers flood our homes  
for most the damage is subterranean  
but I have alcohol in my blood  
and was born to be a vendor  
though I never learned to swim