

## The Water Cycle Connects Us All

Many of our cities and towns were built on the banks of rivers. Our Mississippi River watershed is home and habitat for over 400 species of fish, birds and other wildlife, millions of people – and you!

We work, we play, and millions of us drink from the Mississippi River everyday.

### You'd be surprised where your drink of water has been!

The glass of water you're about to drink  
Deserves a second thought, I think,  
For Avogadro, oceans, & those you follow  
Are all involved in every swallow.

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The water in you is between & betwixt,  
And having traversed is thoroughly mixed,  
So someone quenching a future thirst  
Could easily drink what you drank first!

The water you are about to taste  
No doubt represents a bit of the waste  
From prehistoric beast and bird –  
A notion you may find absurd.

The fountain spraying in the park  
Could well spout bits from Joan of Arc,  
Or Adam, Eve, and all their kin;  
You'd be surprised where your drink has been.

Just think! The water you cannot retain  
Will some day hence return as rain,  
Or be beheld as the purest dew,  
Though long ago it passed through you!

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