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Personifying moods of seasonal change,
the South Canadian remains mysterious .
unpredictable.

Persistently flowing along egret-lined banks,
the calm current rolls pebbles and sand
downstream . . .
a busy highway for a fresh spring morning.

Lazily trickling with a threat of dormancy,
the hot sandy trail echoes dune buggies
and daring bikes . . .
a haven of fun in the scorching summer heat.

Calmly meandering between evergreen and red-clay hills,
the stream nurtures swaying bluestem
and scarlet Indian blankets . . .
a tranquil path for a quiet fall afternoon.

Violently teeming with a thawing upstream blizzard,
the raging current engulfs bare thickets, banks,
and polished driftwood . . .
a watery threat in the midst of a gray winter.

From a soothing stream to a sluggish trickle
to a bustling pathway to a violent current,
the changing moods of the beautiful
South Canadian River . . .

unpredictable.

