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A Series of Riverquest Haikus

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This is a haiku
About the riverquest in
Our Wisconsin home

First there were the drains
Sanitary is filtered
And Storm drains are not

Home use from sewers
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
So please don't pollute!

Power in movement
Hydroelectricity
Water? That's not all

Many ways, in fact
Nuclear, geothermal,
It's all electric!

Chemicals such as
Polymer, coagulant
Pollute our waters.

Though Sappi cleans up,
It's only a small help,
So we'll all help some!

Boats: a way of life.
However, boats aren't all nice.
Their fuel pollutes much.

Use absorbent soap.
Protect our environment,
For the good of all!

Rip tides mean danger,
Danger for many swimmers,
Sometimes even death!

Know your stuff; be safe!
So swim parallel or tread.
It might save your life!

Hypothermia,
A killer in cold water.
You want to survive?

Then keep in your heat.
Or generate more, and swim.
Pretty scary stuff!

To the next station:
An estuarine cooking
Show? Informative...

...And very funny!
I listened and had such fun
as they taught and danced:

“An estuary:
a place where two different
waters meet and mix.”

Cute little plovers
Are endangered due to our
Extreme negligence!

We must not stand by
While this destruction occurs!
It is sickening.

We must keep in mind
The wellbeing of creatures
Other than ourselves!

But we also must
Mind ourselves in the water
And wear a life vest.

Some nine out of ten
Drownings occur without a
Flotation device!

Now, you see, there are
Invasive species in our
Lake Superior.

They ail our natives,
And bring about destruction.
This must not go on!

We must be mindful
Of what goes in our Great Lakes.
“Habitattitude!”

Superior ports,
They bring our necessities.
They've done so for long.

Our old trusty ports,
They challenge the test of time
With common exports.

Altogether, that
Riverquest was so much fun,
Though it taught me lots.

Everything's in the
"circle of life." I know that
Much much better now.