

river generations

norm and john and dan, they wrote of rivers

and i read the words of norm and john and dan

in farflung watersheds i stumbled on 'em

it takes time to see where the riverbeds began

the first book starts with norm and paul in montana youth

first book ends with norm's children, jean and john

the words linger beneath the rocks under the river

the water flows and the western tale goes on

norm and john and dan, they wrote of waters

and i've paddled along with norm and john and dan

all the way to unalakleet from whitehorse

with the alaska river bible in my hands

the second book is paddling the yukon

i gave no second thoughts to the author's name

just soaking in descriptions of the wildlands

carefully crafted by some guy named dan maclean

norm and john and dan, they wrote stories

now the days go fast but the waters still flow slow

artifacts wash up along the shoreline

some tales erode ... some tales grow

the third book spills the home waters

connects some reservoirs the others had begun

connecting family chronicles of americana

norm and john and dan, grandfather and dad and son

