

Willimantic

Bob Boucher 2014

April's gentle rain steadily falling
Stafford's trickle silently growing
Nourished by numerous bubbling streams
Playfully rippling, quietly flowing
Gathering fathoms Orenda and deep.
Water wheels turning potential to work
Cotton is spun. Wages are paid.
Energy spent. Shetucket, please
Carry my children back to the Sea.

poem inspired by Gertrude Stein "A long dress"
Uncommon words

Willimantic... Algonquin word meaning Swiftly Flowing Water
Orenda.....Algonquin word meaning. Great Powerful Spirit
Shetucket.....Algonquin word meaning Flat Land Between Rivers

The Willimantic River arises in Stafford Springs and empties into the Shetucket River.

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Carry my rain drops back to the Sea. River. Rain drops