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Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry  
Finn all wrapped up in one,  
with river water in his veins  
and a banjo on his knee.

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