

# Twelve River RIPPLES

## Bagatelle



A suitably seasonal bagatelle today. The constraint here is that each line of the poem grows by one letter per line. Each line could be a single word or a sentence.

There are only two one-letter words in the English language – A and I. You could get away with O, but that is usually spelt 'oh'. You don't have to start with a one letter word but wherever you start the principle is the same – the next line is one letter longer. The visual effect is to create a downhill slope – just like the slope you might find useful for rolling a giant snowball!

You could play with variations and have shrinking line by line rather than growing.

Check out:

<https://poetrywithmathematics.blogspot.com/2010/08/snowballs-growingshrinking-lines.html>