Dear Susquehanna

Hiking or biking or walking or viewing,

Rowing or fishing or swiftly canoeing;

Dear Susquehanna,

Shining source of joy:

Your praises we cheer.

Highways and byways and bridges and ferries,

Sunfish and turtles and wild river berries;

Dear Susquehanna,

Flowing font of life

At all times of year.

Refrain:

Strong rushing river, our Susquehanna;

Your hist’ry and myst’ry are part of our soul.

Life-giving water, our liquid manna,

You woo us, renew us, and you make us whole.

Trash spills and gas wells send poisons and methane;

Landfills send waste from our lives in the fast lane.

Pipelines and coalmines: there’s so much pollution;

Veer us and steer us to find a solution.

Dear Susquehanna,

Wondrous well of hope:

You must persevere.

Refrain:

Strong rushing river, our Susquehanna;

Your hist’ry and myst’ry are part of our soul.

Life-giving water, our liquid manna,

You woo us, renew us, and you make us whole.

Great “Oyster River,” you lighten our living;

Help us respond to your gifts with thanksgiving.

Dear Susquehanna: dear Susquehanna,

Watershed of life,

You shall persevere!