

## In Valleys of Springs of Rivers

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*Clunton and Clunbury,  
Clungunford and Clun,  
Are the quietest places  
Under the sun.*

**In valleys of springs of rivers,**  
[ɪn 'væ.lɪz əv sprɪŋz əv 'rɪv.əz]

**By Ony and Teme and Clun,**  
[baɪ 'ɒn.i ənd tɪm ənd klʌn]

The country for easy livers,  
The quietest under the sun,

We still had sorrows to lighten,  
One could not be always glad,  
And lads knew trouble at Knighton,  
When I was a Knighton lad.

By bridges that Thames runs under,  
In London, the town built ill,  
'Tis sure small matter for wonder  
If sorrow is with one still.

And if as a lad grows older  
The troubles he bears are more,  
He carries his griefs on a shoulder  
That handselled them long before...

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