## Swimming in the Longest River

## **Olivia Chaney**

Prodding in the dark for affection
Night will hide sleepy woes
Hazel hair sleek as an otter's
Amphibious creature, friend or foeGave him a book on Freud's lectures

Only book he read, 'least that's what he said

'Don't deny erotic pleasure'

Page well-thumbed, found the line he neededFreud never got to beloved Egypt

Fled the Nazis, not his fears

They say the longest river there

Is denial.

I'm prodding in the dark for affection

Night reveals sleepy woes

Hazel hair sleek as an otter's

Ambiguous creature, friend or foeTried to twist it into hope

But something snapped, somebody broke

Shielded by your guilty cloak

Too little too late, the demon spokeFreud never got to beloved Egypt

Fled the Nazis, not his fears

They say the longest river there

Is denial, is denialWe're all swimming in that river

I would oft' come up for air

Lately my lungs have expanded

That, or I've developed gills

To swim in this river

I would oft' come up for air

But lately my lungs, they keep expanding

That, or I've developed gills.

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