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I wade into the milky river
Mountain meltwater burns my legs
Friends on shore twitter at my boldness
as I clamber across the flood

Smoke from distant wildfires
drifts down the valley in great waves
clouds of hot and choking gloom
that suffocate the sun

The current pulls me parallel
and imperceptibly downward
threatening to sheer me
from my onward traverse

Back on the riverbank my friends
blur into the smoke and fall
out of earshot for the water's
voice now fills me completely

The forward shore is shrouded too
but black spruce puncture the leaden veil
Beneath I burn from icy water
Above I burn from burning air