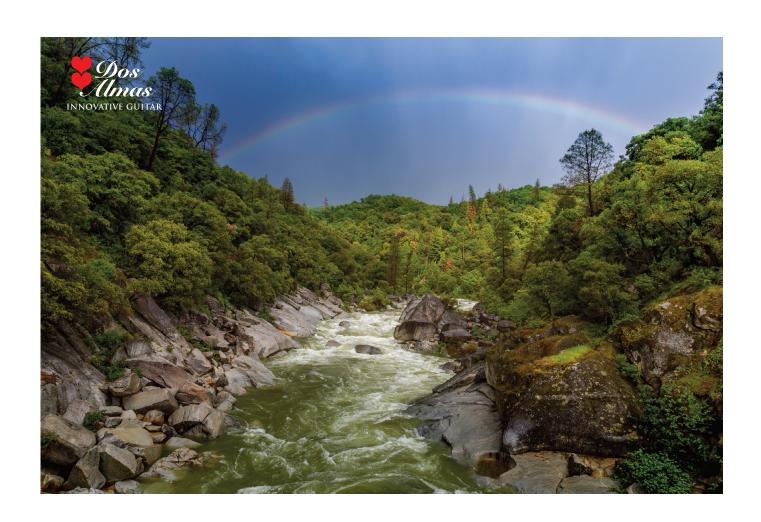
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WALKING THE YUBA RIVER

FOR SOLO GUITAR



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To Libby Zuniga

On the Western side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Northern California, lives a magnificent river called the Yuba.

Named by Native Americans, it may flow peacefully, Or it may rage swift and turbulent through deep canyons. Over the centuries, it has cut its distinctive path into the rocks.

This river seems to ripple placidly, but, like life, it moves very fast. Red-tailed hawks and eagles soar slowly in the sky above this exquisite marvel of power, beauty and danger.

Many people die in the river each year, but if you are careful, you can walk the narrow trails of these canyon walls and watch the water flow far below you.

The river, like love, weaves a strong thread of silver and gold, through the mountains to connect the hearts and lives of many.

This composition begins on a sunny autumn morning, rich with anticipation of a walk together on this beautiful river.

Our footprints are now together with the ancients

who over thousands of years have walked these same dirt paths.

After rounding a curve on the trail, waterfalls and whitewater rapids race between shear mountain cliffs.

They are guarded at their crests by tall pine tree sentinels.

Rocks – gigantic and smooth –

extend into the river.

Once you have been to the Yuba River, you will have a memory of unparalleled natural beauty. To return will always be your desire.

To rest upon the rocks under a canopy of trees brings sounds of water to contemplate life and the worlds of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

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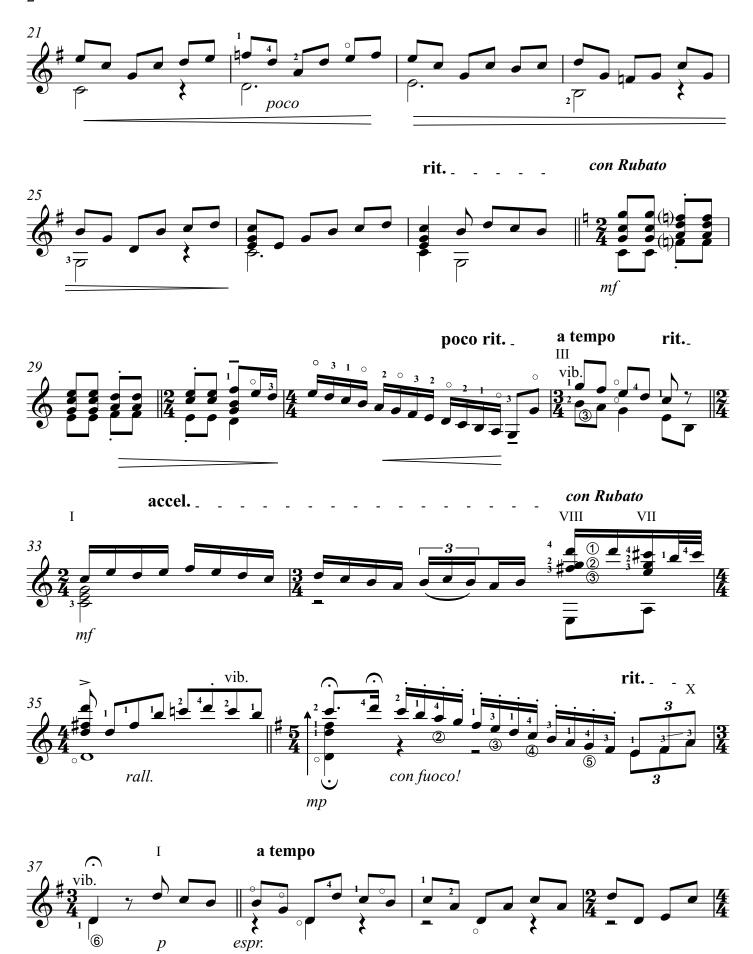
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