

**Swirlin' Eddy's River Notes**  
Lovingly penned by Swirlin' Eddy  
For Wild West Voyages

Well, folks, it's spring! Time to hit the river if you haven't already. I know a few folks who boated all winter...they just couldn't stay away, and why should they? Now as you know, my name is Swirlin' Eddy and I embody the upstream current. During the off season I travel from Moab to mess with boaters all over the place. Last November I was down in the Grand Canyon and chanced upon a kayaker named Jim. Round about mile 226 I flipped him over, and while he was upside down, we were face to face. Turns out we had Time for a chat, and during that chat he shared this poem with me. Here I am, back home on the Colorado Daily, sharing the poem with you. Enjoy. Take your Time with it.\*

## River Time

I was once asked by a prospective employer, "What exactly is River Time?"

*"Oh, that's simple", I replied*

*River Time is when you wake up in the morning and it is Time to make Time, so down the river we go.*

*Then it's just a matter of Time before lunch Time, and by that Time, it's Time to spend Time fishing.*

*Of course you know how Time flies when you are having fun, and before you have Time to realize it, it's Happy Hour, just in the nick of Time, because a person needs Time to unwind from a Time filled day.*

*Dinner is served and eaten in a Timely manner and not wanting to be pressed for Time, I like to bide my Time getting ready for the morrow, there's no Time like the present Time, so it's soon Time to sit around and the campfire and talk about old Times before bed Time.*

**When you're on River Time, Time is always on Time.**

Well that prospective employer was impressed but nonetheless said; I'm sorry John but I just don't think I have a job for you.

Ah, he was such a nice fellow, so I thanked him for his you know what, and said "That's all right sir, I am a professional river guide and don't want to waste anymore of Your Time."

After that Time, I decided that life on the river was a pretty darn good Time after all.

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\*In case you're wondering, Kayaker Jim ended up right-side up and is now back home in Idaho, warm and dry, (until next time).

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