**Hunting**

A raven flies, wings with long blue-black feathers drifting on the wind

Currents under body and hovers in the air

Raven dives into the creek below that brims with sockeye.

A salmon leaps out of the water, with reds and silver arcs

Back fins wag and build a momentum, ascending further upstream

Bears with pigeon-pawed trot over with a swaying, heavy head, climb on top of rocks

Where the water flows and falls with mouth wide open

They bite the springing salmon, canine teeth pierce into the silver belly

Eagles swoop, massive wings slow the body down with talons wide open

Preying in the creek, rising with salmon in its golden grip

Yet the salmon move, push, and endure, through broken skin and hanging entrails

This gathering place is encoded in memory, bringing salmon home

This long journey that nothing can stop, not even eagles, ravens or bears

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