



In 1995 Merseyside Embroiderers' Guild was commissioned by Liverpool Women's Hospital to design and embroider "The Estuary" – an embroidery in 3 parts. If you visit the MEG EXHIBITIONS page on our website you will find the story of this embroidery and instructions on where to find it within Liverpool Women's Hospital.

One of our members, Ann Rogers, who now lives in Rugby, has recently been in touch. She wrote a poem, which she intended to embroider to accompany the hanging..... but life got in the way. She would like to share the poem with us now, as it has a 'stitching theme' running through it.

Stitch Me a River by Ann Rogers

Inspiration is born,

As Spring rises –

A Life-Force

From Mother Earth

A source of creation – healing.

And erupts.

Ideas flow into ideas

As stitches in fluid lines

Bring shape to unformed water

Waterfall unwinds a spool

Of torrenting filaments,

Cascading beads pin rainbows

In jewelled droplets.

Bolts of silken sheers unroll

Onto rocks below-

The metres beating their tumbling lengths,

The river evolves, spinning,

Unrolling the ribbon of itself.

Through gorges, canyons, ravines,

Sustaining life, it weaves

until it reaches patchwork meadows.

Fish embroider the fabric of its depths

And flowers embellish the edge of its mantle.

As last, estuary is reached

Its selvedge spiked with hessian-stiff

Marram grass.

And River pours itself like satin

Into the great wide-eyed ocean,

Its commission complete.

