

# ***Big River*** by William Hauptman and Roger Miller

## Role of Huckleberry Finn

**Huck:** *(to the audience)* It hit me all of a sudden that here was the hand of God, letting me know I'd been watched all along from above . . . and people who helped a nigger liked I'd done were the ones who went to the everlasting fire. I decided to pray and see if I could stop being the kind of boy I was. But you can't pray a lie, I found that out. I'll write a letter – then see if I can pray. *(he get down on the floor with his feet up in the air and pantomimes writing a letter)* “Miss Watson. Your runaway nigger Jim is down here two miles south of Hillsboro and Mr. Phelps will give him up for the reward if you send. Huck Finn.” *(standing up quick)* I felt light as a feather, washed clean of sin for the first time in my whole life! *(pause)* But then I got to thinking about our trip down the river and we afloat along, talking, singing and laughing. And him saying I was his only friend in the world . . . *(he tears up the letter and flings the pieces away)* All right, then, I'll go to hell! I'll take up wickedness again. And for a starter, I'll steal Jim out of slavery again. And if I can think of something worse, I'll do that too: because as long as I'm in, and in for good, I might as well go whole hog!