

# The River Just Knows

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4 a.m. comes awful early, and I was dead on my feet  
But if you gonna catch the biggest fish  
You gotta lose a little sleep  
Well, I pack my gear and a couple beers  
I headed for my favorite spot  
Well, I curse my luck when I saw his truck right where I pulled  
off  
Was hoping to have the river to myself that day

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Where you've been, what you've done  
Why it is your standin' there  
It just rolls on by whisperin' to your soul  
It's gonna be alright, the river just knows

The way the sun bounced off the water  
I could hardly make him out  
But I could see he had a fish on  
A big ole rainbow trout  
The fight went on forever  
And as they headed down my way, I saw his  
military hair cut and the new scars on his face  
Right then I knew what brought him to this place

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He held that fish down in the water  
And he coaxed it to back to life  
He said "Help, you get your wind back  
'Cause you help me get mine"  
And all I could think to say was "Welcome home"  
But I think that river said it best on its own

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