



**The Wild River Remains**  
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**Born from the Sierras  
Through glacier-cut trails  
Water begins its plunge**

**Grinding down granite  
With basalt in its wake  
The wild river flows**

**Power in its riffles  
Silence in its pools  
Life streaming forth**

**Tearing down mountains  
Across the fourth dimension  
The wild river flows**

**Human engineering  
In its finest hour  
Trapping the torrent**

**Unknowingly surging  
Towards its concrete cage  
The wild river flows**

**Silent power building  
Potentially charged  
Stirring in anticipation**

**Water bursting through  
Fury in its freedom  
The wild river flows**

**Diverted and distorted  
Trapped but never tamed  
The wild river flows  
The wild river remains**