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Song Premiere: Kip Moore - "That Was Us"

With raspy, echoing vocals and songs that are as '80s rock as they are pop country, at times Kip Moore seems like a performer born for big arena shows. You could almost build a story line to support that theory, too, seeing as the Georgia-born, Nashville-based singer behind "Somethin' Bout a Truck" and recent hit single "I'm To Blame" has shared bills with country super-sellers Eric Church and Dierks Bentley. But on "That Was Us"—the newest reveal from forthcoming album *Wild Ones*—Moore pays homage to the troublemaking days that built him.

"'That Was Us' is my favorite track on this whole record," says Moore of the nostalgic number, which he wrote with longtime friend and frequent cowriter Weston Davis. "It was magic from the start for us, because we both had lived that—we both felt that."

A sleepless early morning on the bus found Moore up humming what would eventually become the chorus.

"The road does really weird things to your mind, especially for somebody like me," says Moore of the early morning writing session that spawned the song. Once Davis came out and spit out the first verse, Moore says the rest of the song came easily.

"I can remember all that—people thinking we're hooligans and trouble-makers," he says of the lyrics. "To this day, one of my favorite songs I've ever written. It sums up our life in a nutshell—how we grew up."

Stream "That Was Us" in the player above. *Wild Ones* is set for release on Aug. 21 via MCA Nashville.