



Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

Soprano 1

Soprano 2 *p* unvoiced as in English 'chat'
ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

Alto 1 *p*
Tried to keep you close to me but life

Alto 2

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S 1 *p*
doo doo

S 2
ch ch ch ch ch ch

A 1
got in be - tween

A 2

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S 1
— for a min - ute and see where you hide Hold — back the ri - ver hold — back

S 2
— for a min - ute and be by your side Hold — back the ri - ver hold — back

A 1
ch k t ch ch k t ch ch k t ch

A 2
hold — back

Verse 2

25

S 1
ch k t ch ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver

S 2
mf
ba da da da bap ba —

A 1
mf
ba da da da bap ba —

A 2
mf
Just — hold — back — Once up - on a diff

29

S 1
ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver ch k t ch rode in to the sky —

S 2
ba da da da bap ba — ba da da da bap ba —

A 1
ba da da da bap ba — ba da da da bap ba —

A 2
rent life We rode our bikes in to the sky —

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S 1 lone - ly wa - ter__ won't you let us wan - der

S 2

A 1

A 2 doo doo

73

S 1 Let us hold__ each__ oth - er *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

S 2 *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

A 1 *mf* Oh lone - ly wa - ter let us

A 2 *mf* doo doo doom doom doom doom doom doom doom

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S 1 lone - ly wa - ter__ won't you let us wan - der

S 2 lone - ly wa - ter__ won't you let us wan - der

A 1 go Oh lone - ly wa - ter let us go Oh lone - ly wa - ter don't you

A 2 doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom doom

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Coda
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S 1

S 2 *p*
ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

A 1 *p*
Tried to keep you close to me but life

A 2

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S 1 *p*
doo doo

S 2 *p*
ch ch ch doo

A 1 *p*
got in be - tween

A 2 *p*
doo doo

Rit.