

Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

DEMO

Soprano 1

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

Alto 1 *p*

Alto 2

ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

Tried to keep you close to me but life

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S 1 *p*

S 2

A 1

A 2

ch ch ch ch ch ch

got in be - tween

doo— doo—

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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

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

S 2
ba da da da bap ba —

A 1
ba da da da bap ba —

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

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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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[illegible][illegible][illegible]

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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

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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 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 doom

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[illegible]

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S 1
be by your side Hold back the ri - ver hold back Lone - ly wa -

S 2
be by your side Hold back the ri - ver hold back Lone - ly wa -

A 1
Hold back Hold back hold back

A 2
nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm hold back Lone - ly wa - ter

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S 1
- ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -

S 2
- ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -

A 1

A 2
let us wan - der Lone - ly wa - ter let us wan - der Lone - ly wa - ter

Coda

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S 1

S 2 *p* 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 Rit. *p* doo doo

S 2 ch ch ch doo

A 1 got in be - tween

A 2 *p* doo doo