



Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

Soprano

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

Tenor *p*
unvoiced as in English 'chat'
ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

Bass

5

S *p*
doo doo

A
got in be-tween

T
ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

B

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S
 — for a min - ute and see where you hide Hold___ back the ri - ver hold___ back

A
 — for a min - ute and be by your side Hold___ back the ri - ver hold___ back

T
 ch k t ch ch k t ch ch k t ch

B
 _____ hold___ back

25

Verse 2
mf

S
 ba da da da bap ba___

A
mf
 Once up - on a diff'

T
mf
 ch k t ch ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver

B
mf
 Just_____ hold___ back_____ ba da da da bap ba___

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S
 ba da da da bap ba___ ba da da da bap ba___

A
 rent life We rode our bikes in to the sky___

T
 ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver ch k t ch rode in to the sky___

B
 ba da da da bap ba___ ba da da da bap ba___

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

A

T

B doo_____ doo_____

73

S Let us hold___ each___ oth - er *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

A *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

T *mf* Oh lone - ly wa - ter let us

B *mf* doo doo doom doom doom doom doom doom doom

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

A lone - ly wa - ter___ won't you let us wan - der

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

B 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

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

T *p*
8 ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

B

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S *Rit.* *p*
doo doo

A
got in be - tween

T 8 ch ch ch doo doo

B *p*
doo