

Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

Soprano

Alto *p*

Tenor *p*

Bass

Tried to keep you close to me but life

unvoiced as in English 'chat'

ch ch ch ch ch ch

5

S

A

T

B

got in be - tween

doo doo

ch ch ch ch ch ch

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

A *mf* — for a min - ute and be by your side Hold — back the ri - ver hold — back

T *mf* ch k t ch ch k t ch ch k t ch

B *mf* — — — — — hold — back

25

S *mf* 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 —

29

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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[illegible]

49

S
A
T
B

— back the ri - ver hold — back Hold — back the ri - ver let me look in your eyes Hold —
— back the ri - ver hold — back Hold — back the ri - ver let me look in your eyes Hold —
Hold back. hold — back Hold back. the ri - ver —
nm nm nm nm nm hold — back come on and hold back nm

53

S

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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 Lone - ly wa - ter *mf*

A Lone - ly wa - ter *mf*

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

B doo doo doom 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 doom

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S

look in your eyes Hold___ back the ri-ver so I_____ Can stop___ for a min-ute and

A

look in your eyes Hold___ back the ri-ver so I_____ Can stop___ for a min-ute and

T

Hold back Hold back Hold back Hold back

B

97

S
A
T
B

Interlude 2

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

Hold back Hold back hold back

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

101

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

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

T
8

B
let us wan - der Lone - ly wa - ter let us wan - der Lone - ly wa - ter

Coda
117

S

A *p*

T *p*

B

121

S

A

T

B *p*

Rit.