

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 ch ch

5

S

A

T

B

got in be - tween

doo doo

ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

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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

mf A Once up - on a diff

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

mf B 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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[illegible][illegible][illegible]

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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 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 -

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

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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 *p*

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