



Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

Tenor 1

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

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

Bass

T 1 *p*
doo doo

T 2
ch ch ch ch ch ch

Bar
got in be - tween

B

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T 1
 — for a min - ute and see where you hide Hold___ back the ri - ver hold___ back

T 2
 — for a min - ute and be by your side Hold___ back the ri - ver hold___ back

Bar
 ch k t ch ch k t ch ch k t ch

B
 hold___ back

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Verse 2

T 1
 ch k t ch ch k t ch *mf* Hold back the ri - ver

T 2
mf ba da da da bap ba___

Bar
mf ba da da da bap ba___

B
mf Just_____ hold__ back_____ Once up - on a diff'

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T 1
 ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver ch k t ch rode in to the sky___

T 2
 ba da da da bap ba___ ba da da da bap ba___

Bar
 ba da da da bap ba___ ba da da da bap ba___

B
 rent life We rode our bikes in to the sky___

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T 1 lone - ly wa - ter___ won't you let us wan - der

T 2

Bar

B doo_____ doo_____

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T 1 Let us hold___ each___ oth - er *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

T 2 *mf* Lone - ly wa - ter

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

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

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T 1 lone - ly wa - ter___ won't you let us wan - der

T 2 lone - ly wa - ter___ won't you let us wan - der

Bar 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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T 1

T 2 *p*
ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

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

B

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T 1 Rit. *p*
doo doo

T 2
ch ch ch doo

Bar
got in be - tween

B *p*
doo doo