

Hold Back The River

- James Bay -

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Pop ♩ = 132

Verse 1

Tenor 1

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

Baritone *p*

Bass

ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch

Tried to keep you close to me but life

5

T 1 *p*

T 2

Bar

B

ch ch ch ch ch ch

got in be - tween

doo doo

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T 1 *8* for a min - ute and see where you hide Hold back the ri - ver hold back

T 2 *8* for a min - ute and be by your side Hold back the ri - ver hold back

Bar *8* ch k t ch ch k t ch ch k t ch

B hold back

25

T 1 *8* ch k t ch ch k t ch *mf* Hold back the ri - ver

T 2 *8* *mf* ba da da da bap ba

Bar *8* *mf* ba da da da bap ba

B *8* *mf* Just hold back Once up - on a diff

29

T 1 *8* ch k t ch Hold back the ri - ver ch k t ch rode in to the sky

T 2 *8* ba da da da bap ba ba da da da bap ba

Bar *8* ba da da da bap ba ba da da da bap ba

B *8* rent life We rode our bikes in to the sky

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[illegible]

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T 1

8

— back the ri - ver hold — back Hold — back the ri - ver let me look in your eyes Hold —

T 2

8

— back the ri - ver hold — back Hold — back the ri - ver let me look in your eyes Hold —

Bar

Hold back — hold — back Hold back — the ri - ver —

B

nm nm nm nm nm nm hold — back come on and hold back nm

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T 1
— back the ri-ver so I — Can stop — for a min-ute and see where you hide Hold.

T 2
— back the ri-ver so I — Can stop — for a min-ute and see where you hide Hold.

Bar
Hold back the ri - ver — Hold back — the ri - ver —

B
Hold back the ri - ver — Hold back — the ri - ver —

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

T 2

Bar

B doo_____ doo_____

73

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

77

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 doom

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[illegible]

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Interlude 2

T 1

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

T 2

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

Bar

Hold back Hold back hold back

B

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

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The musical score is for a four-part setting of 'Lone-Ly Wa-ter'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The parts are: T1 (Tenor 1), T2 (Tenor 2), Bar (Baritone), and B (Bass). The lyrics are: 'ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -'. The score consists of four measures. T1 and T2 have melodic lines with lyrics. The Bar part has a simple harmonic line. The B part has a simple harmonic line. The lyrics are: 'ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -'. The score is for a four-part setting of 'Lone-Ly Wa-ter'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The parts are: T1 (Tenor 1), T2 (Tenor 2), Bar (Baritone), and B (Bass). The lyrics are: 'ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -'. The score consists of four measures. T1 and T2 have melodic lines with lyrics. The Bar part has a simple harmonic line. The B part has a simple harmonic line. The lyrics are: 'ter lone - ly wa - ter_ won't you let us wan -'.

T 1

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

T 2

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

Bar

B

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

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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