

James Bay - Hold Back The River

Intro Dm F B F B F G]

Dm F B F
Tried to keep you close to me,
B F C
but life got in between
Dm F B F
Tried to square not being there
B F C
But think that I should have been

B
Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
B
Hold back the river, so I
F
Can stop for a minute and see where you hide
F
Hold back the river, hold back

[Intro - **Dm F B**]

Dm F B F
Once upon a different life
B F C
We rode our bikes into the sky
Dm F B F
But now we call against the tide
B F C
Those distant days are flashing by

B
Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
B
Hold back the river, so I
F
Can stop for a minute and be by your side
F C
Hold back the river, hold back

B
Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
B
Hold back the river, so I
F
Can stop for a minute and see where you hide
F C
Hold back the river, hold back

Oh oh oh...[Intro Dm F B F B F C]

F F B
Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander
Gm
Let us hold each other
F F B
Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander
Gm
Let us hold each other

[Hold for count of 2]

Hold Back the River

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A

SOPRAN

ALT *pp* Mmmh,

TENOR *pp* Mmmh,

BASS *pp* Mmmh,

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S.

A.

T.

B. *p*

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B

T. *8*

Tried to keep you close to me but life got in between .

B.

Tried to keep you close to me but life got in between .

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C

T. *8*

Tried to square not be - ing there but it's there that I should have been.

B.

Tried to square not be - ing there but it's there that I should have been.

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D

S. *p* Hold hold

A. *mp* Hold back the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold back the ri-ver, so

T. *p* Hold hold

B. Hold hold

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S. *mp* can stop__ for a min-ute and_ see where you_hide hold__ back the ri-ver hold__ back.

A. I__ ah. ah.

T. ah. ah.

B. ah.

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S. **E** Once up-on__ a dif - frent life__ we rode__ our_ bikes

A. Oh__ oh oh__ Once up-on__ a dif - frent life__ we rode__ our_ bikes

T. Once up-on__ a dif - frent life__ we rode__ our_ bikes

B. Oh__ oh oh__

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S. in-to the sky.__ **F** *mf* But now we're caught__ a gainst__ the_ tide

A. in-to the sky.__ *mf* But now we're caught__ a gainst__ the_ tide

T. in-to the sky.__ *mf* But now we're caught__ a gainst__ the_ tide

B. *mf* But now we're caught__ a gainst__ the_ tide

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S. those dis - tant days__ all flash-ing by.__ **G** *f* Hold__ back the ri-ver, let me

A. those dis - tant days__ all flash-ing by.__ *f* Hold__ back the ri-ver, let me

T. those dis - tant days__ all flash-ing by.__ *f* Hold__ back

B. those dis - tant days__ all flash-ing by.__ *f* Hold__ back

74 **I**

A. *mp* Lone - ly wat - er__ lone - ly wat - er__ won't you let us wan - der,

T. *pp* Mmm._____ Mmm._____ Mmm._____

B. *pp* Mmm._____ Mmm._____ Mmm._____

81 **J**

S. Lone-ly wat - er__ lone-ly wat - er__ won't you let us wan
mp cresc.

A. let us hold__ each oth-er. Lone-ly wat - er__ lone-ly wat - er__ won't you let us wan
mp cresc.

T. Mmm._____ Lone-ly wat - er__ lone-ly wat - er__ won't you let us wan
mp cresc.

B. Mmm._____ Lone-ly wat - er__ lone-ly wat - er__ won't you let us wan
mp cresc.

88 **K**

S. - der, *f* let us hold__ each oth-er. Hold back the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold

A. - der, *f* let us hold__ each oth-er. Hold back the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold

T. - der, *f* let us hold__ each oth-er. Hold back hold

B. - der, *f* let us hold__ each oth-er. Hold back hold

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S. __ back the ri-ver, so__ I__ can stop__ for a min-ute and see where you hide hold__ back the ri-ver hold

A. __ back the ri-ver, so__ I__ can stop__ for a min-ute and see where you hide hold__ back the ri-ver hold

T. __ back the ri-ver, so__ I__ stop__ hold__ back the ri-ver hold

B. __ back the ri-ver, so__ I__ stop__ hold__ back the ri-ver hold

S. *back.* Hold *back* the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold *back* the ri-ver, so I can stop

A. *back.* Hold *back* the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold *back* the ri-ver, so I can stop

T. *back.* Hold *back* the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold *back* the ri-ver, so I can stop

B. *back.* Hold *back* the ri-ver, let me look in your eyes, hold *back* the ri-ver, so I can stop

S. *ff* Lone - ly wat

A. *ff* Lone - ly wat

T. *ff* Lone - ly wat

B. *ff* Lone - ly wat

L

S. - er lone - ly wat - er won't you let us wan - der, let us hold each oth - er.

A. - er lone - ly wat - er won't you let us wan - der, let us hold each oth - er.

T. - er lone - ly wat - er won't you let us wan - der, let us hold each oth - er.

B. - er lone - ly wat - er won't you let us wan - der, let us hold each oth - er.

S. **M**
Mmmh,
p dim.

A. Mmmh,
p dim.

T. Mmmh,
p dim.

B. Mmmh,
p dim.