

# Hold Back the River – V4

[Intro:]

A | -----3-- |  
E | -1--3--5-----5-----5--3--1--0----- |  
C | -2--4--5--7--9---7---5---7--9---7---5--4---2--0----- |  
G | -----5--7---5-----5--7---5----- |

[Verse 1:] - with riff - Quiet

[Dm/] Tried to [F/] keep you [Bb/] close to [F/] me,  
But [Bb/] life got [F/] in betwe- [C/] -en

(slow island strum – with hi hat) - louder

[Dm] Tried to [F] square not [Bb] being [F] there But  
[Bb] think that [F] I should have be- [C] -en

[Chorus:] (slow island strum)

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

[Verse 2:] (Island strum - with percussion) [Dm] Once

[F] upon a [Bb] different [F] life  
We [Bb] rode our [F] bikes into the sky- [C] -y  
But [Dm] now we [F] crawl a- [Bb] -gainst the [F] tide Those  
[Bb] distant [F] days are flashing [C] by [C]

[Chorus:] (up and down strum)

[Bb] Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes  
[Bb] Hold back the river so I  
[F] Can stop for a minute and be by your side  
[F] Hold back the river, [C] hold back {ooh}  
[Bb] Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes  
[Bb] Hold back the river so I  
[F] Can stop for a minute and see where you hide [F]  
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[Verse 3:] - (slow island strum with riff)

[Dm] Ooh [F] oho, [Bb] oho, [F] oho,

[Bb] Oho, [F] oho, [C] ohooh



[Bridge:] (one strum per syllable)

[F/] Lonely water, [F//] lonely water won't you [Bb/] let us wander [Bb//]

[Gm/] Let us hold each other

[F/] Lonely water, [F//] lonely water won't you [Bb/] let us wander [Bb//]

[Gm/] Let us hold each other (**straight into next line**)

[Chorus:] (Slow island strum) – gloriously loud

[Bb] Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes

[Bb] Hold back the river so I

[F] Can stop for a minute and be by your side

[F] Hold back the river, [C] hold back {ooh}

[Bb] Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes

[Bb] Hold back the river so I

[F] Can stop for a minute and see where you hide [F]

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[Gm/] Let us hold each other

[F/] Lonely water, [F//] lonely water won't you [Bb/] let us wander [Bb//] [Gm/

(stop)] Let us hold each other

[Outro]

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G | -----5--7---5-----5--7---5----- |