

Hold Back the River

by James Bay



Verse 1

Tried to keep you close to me
But life got in between
Tried to square not being there
But think that I should have been

Chorus

(Sops/Altos: hold back the river, hold back the river, hold back the river...
Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
Hold back the river, **so I**
(Sops/Altos: stop for a minute, stop for a minute, stop for a minute...
Stop for a minute and see where you hide
Hold back the river, **hold back**

Verse 2

Once upon a different life
We rode our bikes into the sky (Sops/Altos: into the sky)
Now we crawl against the tide
Those distant days are flashing by (Sops/Altos: are flashing by)

Chorus

Sops/Altos: Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
Hold back the river, so I
Stop for a minute and be by your side
Hold back the river, hold back

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

Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh
Oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh-oh (Ten/altos: oh-oh-oh)

Bridge

Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander?
Let us hold each other
Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander?
Let us hold each other

Chorus

Sops/Altos: Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes

Hold back the river, so I

Sops/Altos: Stop for a minute and be by your side

Hold back the river, hold back

Sops/Altos: Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes

[INVERT] Hold back the river, so I

Sops/Altos: Stop for a minute and see where you hide

[INVERT] Hold back the river, hold back

Bridge

Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander?

Let us hold each other

Lonely water, lonely water, won't you let us wander?

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**Ooooo-oooo-oooooooo Ooooo-oooo-oooooooo Ooooo-oooo-oooooooo
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