

# HOLD BACK THE RIVER

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Music and Lyrics James Bay and Iain Archer

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

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

Once upon a different life  
We rode our bikes into the sky  
Now we call against the tide  
Those distant days are flashing by

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Hold oho, oho, oho, oho, oho  
O-woh, o-woh, Oh

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

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**[THE FOLLOWING TO BE SUNG UNDER THE ABOVE]**

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