

# Hold Back the River

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Intro: Chords of first line [F] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [C]

[F] Tried to [F] keep you [Bb] close to [F] me but [Bb] life got [F] in bet[C]ween  
[F] Tried to square not [Bb] being [F] there but [Bb] think that [F] I should've [C] been.

*Chorus:*

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

[F] Once upon a [Bb] different [F] life, we [Bb] rode our [F] bikes into the [C] sky  
But [F] now we crawl a[Bb]gainst the [F] tide, those d[Bb]istant [F] days are flashing [C] by

*Chorus:*

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

[F] Ooh, oh [F] o, oh [Bb] oh [F] o, oh [Bb] oh [F], oh [C] ooh

[F] Lonely water, [F] lonely water won't you [Bb] let us wander, [C] let us hold each other  
[F] Lonely water, [F] lonely water won't you [Bb] let us wander, [C] let us hold each other

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[Bb] Hold back the river let me look in your eyes, hold back the river so I-I  
Can [F] top for a minute and be by your side, hold back the river, [F] hold back  
[Bb] Hold back the river let me look in your eyes, hold back the river so I-I  
Can [F] stop for a minute and be by your side, hold back the river, [F] ooh

[F] Lonely water, [F] lonely water won't you [Bb] let us wander, [C] let us hold each other  
[F] Lonely water, [F] lonely water won't you [Bb] let us wander, [C] let us hold each other

Outro: as per Intro: Chords of first line [F] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [C]

