

# Hold Back the River - James Bay

**Intro** [Dm7]Ooh [F]oho [Bb]oho [F]oho,[Bb]Oho, [F]oho, [C]ohooh [Csus4] [C]

*(Quietly)* [Dm7] Tried to [F] keep you [Bb] close to [F]me,  
But [Bb] life got [F] in bet[C]ween [Csus4] [C]  
[Dm7]Tried to [F] square not [Bb] being [F] there  
But [Bb] think I [F] should have [C] been [Csus4] [C]

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

*(Louder)* [Dm7]Once [F]upon a [Bb] different [F] life  
We [Bb]rode our [F]bikes to the [C]sky [Csus4] [C]  
But [Dm7] now we [F]crawl [Bb]against the [F]tide  
Those [Bb]distant [F]days flashing [C]by [Csus4] [C]

## CHORUS

*(Quietly)*[Bb]Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes  
[Bb] Hold back the river so I Can [F] stop for a minute and be by your side  
[F] Hold back the river, [C]ooh *(Louder)*  
[Bb]Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes [Bb] Hold back the river so I  
Can [F] stop for a minute and be by your side [F] Hold back the river, [C]ooh

## Instrumental verse x2:

[Dm7]Ooh [F]oho, [Bb]oho, [F]oho,[Bb]Oho, [F]oho, [C]ohooh [Csus4] [C]

*(Quietly)*

[F]Lonely water... [F] lonely water won't you [Bb]let us wander  
[Gm] Let us hold each other

*(Louder)* [F]Lonely water... [F] lonely water won't you [Bb]let us wander  
[Gm] Let us hold each other

## Repeat Chorus

[F]Lonely water... [F] lonely water won't you [Bb]let us wander  
[Gm] Let us hold each other  
[F]Lonely water... [F] lonely water won't you [Bb]let us wander  
[Gm] Let us hold each other

[Dm7]Ooh [F]oho [Bb]oho [F]oho [Bb]Oho [F]oho [C]ohooh [Csus4] [C]  
*(Quietly and slowing down)*

[Dm7]Ooh [F]oho [Bb]oho [F]oho [Bb]Oho [F]oho [C]ohooh [Csus4] [C]

