

Hold Back the River

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Tempo: ♩ = 136

pp **A**

2 3

Soprano

Mmm

Alto

pp

Mmm

Tenor

pp

8 Mmm

Bass

pp

Mmm

4 5 6 7

S

mm

A

mm

T

8 mm

B

mm

8 **p** 9 **B** 10 11

S

p

A

p

T

8

Tried to keep you close

B

p

Tried to keep you close

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12

T 8 to me but life got in

B to me but life got in

15

T 8 be - tween Tried to square not be -

B be - tween. Tried to square not be -

19

T 8 - ing there but it's there that I

B - ing there but it's there that I

22 23 24 *pp*

S Should have been.

A Should have been. *mp* Hold

T 8 should have been. *pp*

B should have been. *f*

25 26 *C*

S Hold

A back the riv - er let me look in your eyes, hold

T 8 Hold hold

B *pp* Hold hold

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27 28 *mp*

S Hold _____ can stop ____

A _____ back the riv - er so _____ I _____

T 8

B 8

29 30

S _____ for a min - ute and _____ see where you _____ hide hold ____

A ah _____

T 8 ah _____

B 8 ah _____

31 32 33

S _____ back the riv - er, hold _____ back ____

A ah _____ Oh _____ oh oh ____

T 8 ah _____

B ah _____ Oh _____ oh oh ____

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34 *mp* **D** 36 37

S Once u - pon a dif - f'rent life

A *mp* Once u - pon a dif - f'rent life

T *mp* Once u - pon a dif - f'rent life

B 8

38 39 40

S we rode our bikes in - to the sky

A we rode our bikes in - to the sky.

T 8 we rode our bikes in - to the sky.

41 42 *mf* 43

S But now we're caught

A *mf* But now we're caught

T *mf* But now we're caught

B 8 *mf* But now we're caught

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44 45 46

S a - gainst the tide those dis -

A a - gainst the tide those dis -

T 8 a - gainst the tide those dis -

B a - gainst the tide those dis -

47 48 49

S - tant days all flash - ing by

A - tant days all flash - ing by

T 8 - tant days all flash - ing by.

B - tant days all flash - ing by.

50 **E** **f** 51 52

S Hold back the riv - er let me look in your eyes Hold .

A **f** Hold back the riv - er let me look in your eyes Hold .

T 8 **f** Hold back hold .

B **f** Hold back hold .

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53 54

S back the riv - er so I can stop

A back the riv - er so I can stop

T 8 back the riv - er so I stop

B back the riv - er so I stop

55 56

S ___ for a min - ute and ___ be by your ___ side, hold ___

A ___ for a min - ute and ___ be by your ___ side, hold ___

T 8 hold ___

B hold ___

57

S — back the riv - er hold — back — Hold —

A — back the riv - er hold — back — Hold —

T 8 — back the riv - er hold — back — Hold —

B — back the riv - er hold — back — Hold —

58

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59 60

S — back the riv - er let me look in your — eyes, hold —

A — back the riv - er let me look in your — eyes, hold —

T 8 — back the ri - ver let me look in your — eyes hold —

B — back the ri - ver let me look in your — eyes hold —

61 62

S — back the riv - er so — I — can stop —

A — back the riv - er so — I — can stop —

T 8 — back the riv - er so I — can stop —

B — back the riv - er so I — can stop —

63 64

S — for a min - ute and — see where you — hide hold —
be by your — side hold

A — for a min - ute and — see where you — hide hold —
be by your — side hold

T 8 — for a min - ute and — see where you — hide hold —
be by your — side hold

B — for a min - ute and — see where you — hide hold —
be by your — side hold

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65 *mf* **F**

S — back the riv - er, hold — back. — Oh oh oh —

A — back the riv - er hold — back. — Oh oh oh —

T 8 — back the riv - er hold — back. — Oh oh oh —

B — back the riv - er hold — back. — Oh oh oh —

68 69 70

S — oh oh — oh — oh — oh oh —

A — oh oh — oh — oh — oh oh —

T 8 — oh oh — oh — oh — oh oh —

B — oh oh — oh — oh — oh oh —

71 72 73

S — oh — oh — woah — woah — *mf*

A — oh — oh — woah — woah — *p1*

T 8 — oh — oh — woah — woah — *p1*

B — oh — oh — woah — woah —

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74

A Lone - ly wat - - er _____ lone - ly wat -

T 8 Mmm _____ Mmm _____

B Mmm _____ Mmm

77

A - er _____ won't _ you Let us wan - - der _____

T 8 _____ Mmm _____

B Mmm

80 81 *mp* 82

S _____ Lone - ly wa -

A let us hold _____ each _ oth - er. *mp* Lone - ly wa -

T 8 _____ Lone - ly wa -

B _____ Lone - ly wa -

83 84 85

S - ter. Lone - ly wa - - ter. won't you

A - ter Lone - ly wa - - ter won't you

T 8 - ter Lone - ly wa - - ter _____ won't _ you

B - ter. Lone - ly wa - - ter. won't you

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86 87 88

S let us wan - - der let us hold

A let us wan - - der let us hold

T 8 let us wan - - der let us hold

B let us wan - - der let us hold

89 *Dal Segno* *Al Coda* *G* *ff*⁹¹

S each oth - er Hold Lone - ly wa -

A each oth - er Hold Lone - ly wa -

T 8 each oth - er. Hold Lone - ly wa -

B each oth - er Hold Lone - ly wa -

92 93 94

S - ter lone - ly wa - - ter won't you

A - ter lone - ly wa - - ter won't you

T 8 - ter lone - ly wa - - ter won't you

B - ter lone - ly wa - - ter won't you

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95 96 97

S let us wan - - der, —

A let us wan - - der let us hold —

T 8 let us wan - - der — let us hold —

B let us wan - - der let us hold —

98 99 100

S — let us hold — each — oth - er.

A — each — oth - er let us hold — each — oth - er.

T 8 — each — oth - er let us hold — each — oth - er.

B — each — oth - er let us hold — each — oth - er.

101 102 **H** 103

S Mmm —

A *pp* Mmm

T 8 *pp* Mmm

B *pp* Mmm

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104 105 106

S

A

T

B

8

mm

mm

mm

mm

107 108

S

A

T

B

8