

CHORDS:

V: Dm7, F, Bb, F (x2)

Ch: Bb, F, C, Db (x2)

Br: F, Bb, Gm (x2)

Hold Back The River

(Original Artist: James Bay)

Key: **F** Tempo: **135bpm** Arr. SAT(B)

* **Bold** text is used to show harmonised lines

VERSE ONE

Unison

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

CHORUS

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.

Ooh, Ooh, Ooh...

VERSE TWO

Once upon a different life
We rode our bikes **into the sky**
Now we're caught against the tide
Those distant days all flashing by

CHORUS

Soprano (Melody):

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.

All other parts (Harmony)

Hold...hold back the river,
Hold...hold back the river,
Stop...stop for a minute
Stop...hold back the river

Oh, oho, oho, oho, oho
Oho, oho, oho, oho

Octaves

Alto Only

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

Soprano (Melody):

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.

All other parts (Harmony)

Hold...hold back the river,
Hold...hold back the river,
Stop...stop for a minute
Stop...hold back the river

OUTRO

**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
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**