

Intro: C0 C2 C4 E3 E5 E3 C4 E3 E5 E3 C4 C4 C2 Gsus4 G

Keep playing intro or gentle, single strums:

[Am] Tried to [C] keep you [F] close to [C] me,
But [F] life got [C] in be- [G] tween [Gsus4] [G]
[Am] Tried to [C] square not [F] being [C] there
But [F] think that [C] I should have [G] been [Gsus4] [G]

Still sparse backing on ukes:

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

~~In between intro: C0 C2 C4~~

And building up:

[Am] Once up- [C] on a [F] different [C] life
We [F] rode our [C] bikes into the [G] sky [Gsus4] [G]
But [Am] now we [C] crawl ag- [F] ainst the [C] tide
Those [F] distant [C] days are flashing [G] by [Gsus4] [G]

Full bore:

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

[Am] Ooh oh [C] oh, oh [F] oh, oh [C] oh,
Oh [F] oh, oh [C] oh, oh [G] oh [Gsus4] [G]

Sparse again:

[C] Lonely water; lonely water won't you [F] let us wander

[Dm] Let us hold each other

Building up:

[C] Lonely water; lonely water won't you [F] let us wander

[Dm]X Let us hold each other ~~...1, 2...~~

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Hold back the river, [G] hold back

[F] Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes

Hold back the river so I

Can [C] stop for a minute and be by your side

Hold back the river, [G] ooh

[C] Lonely water, lonely water won't you [F] let us wander

[Dm] Let us hold each other

[C] Lonely water, lonely water won't you [F] let us wander

[Dm]X Let us hold each other