Verse 1: Tried to keep you close to me,  
But life got in between  
Tried to square not being there  
But think that I should have 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

Verse 2: Once upon a dear friend, life  
We rode our bikes into the sky  
But now we crawl against the tide  
Those distant days are flashing by

Chorus: Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes  
Hold back the river so I  
Can stop for a minute and be by your side  
Hold back the river, hold back

Bridge: Hold oho, oho, oho,  
Oho, oho, oho, oho

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: Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
Hold back the river so I
Can stop for a minute and be by your side
Hold back the river, hold back
Hold back the river, let me look in your eyes
Hold back the river so I
Can stop for a minute and be by your side
Hold back the river, oh

End: 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