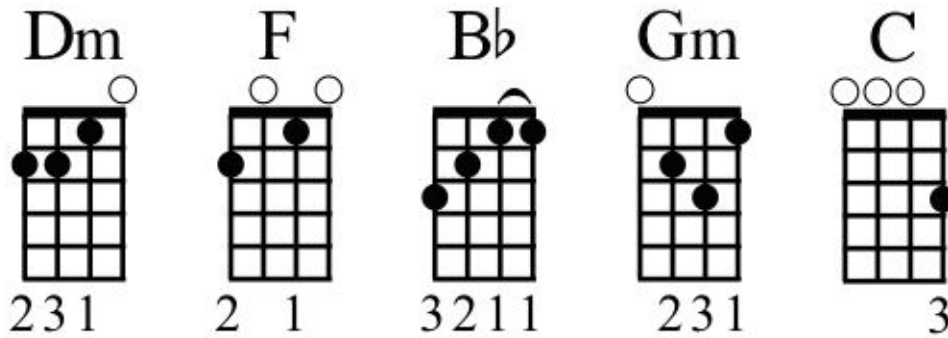
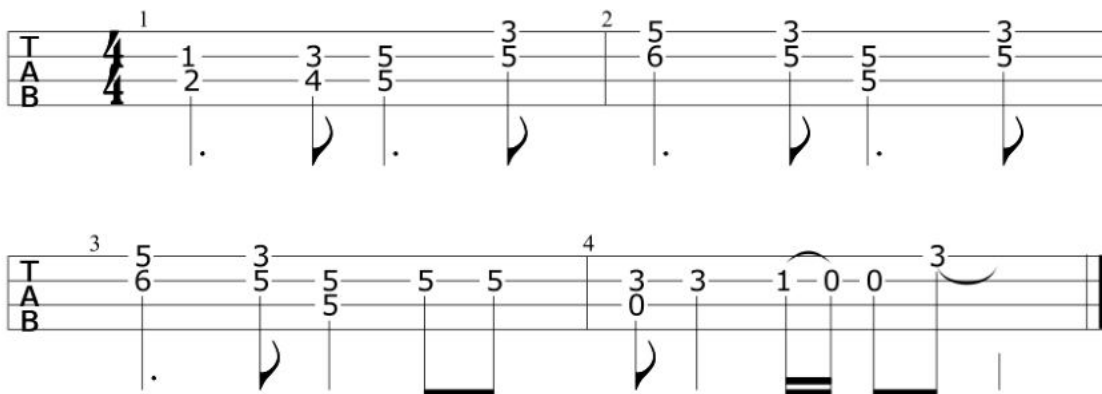


# Hold Back the River

James Bay



## INTRO



## VERSE 1

Dm F Bb F  
 Tried to keep you close to me  
 Bb F C  
 But life got in between  
 Dm F Bb F  
 Tried to square not being there  
 Bb F C  
 But think that I should have been

## CHORUS

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

Dm F  
(First three notes of the intro)

## VERSE 2

Dm F Bb F  
Once upon a different life  
Bb F C  
We rode our bikes into the sky  
Dm F Bb F  
But now we crawl against the tide  
Bb F C  
Those distant days are flashing by

## CHORUS x2

## INTRO

## MIDDLE

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

## CHORUS x2

## MIDDLE

F Bb  
Lonely water, lonely water won't you let us wander  
Gm C  
Let us hold each other  
F Bb  
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