Hold Back the River
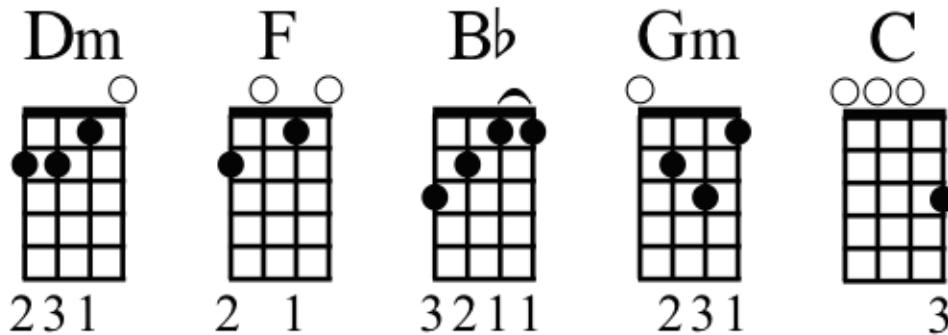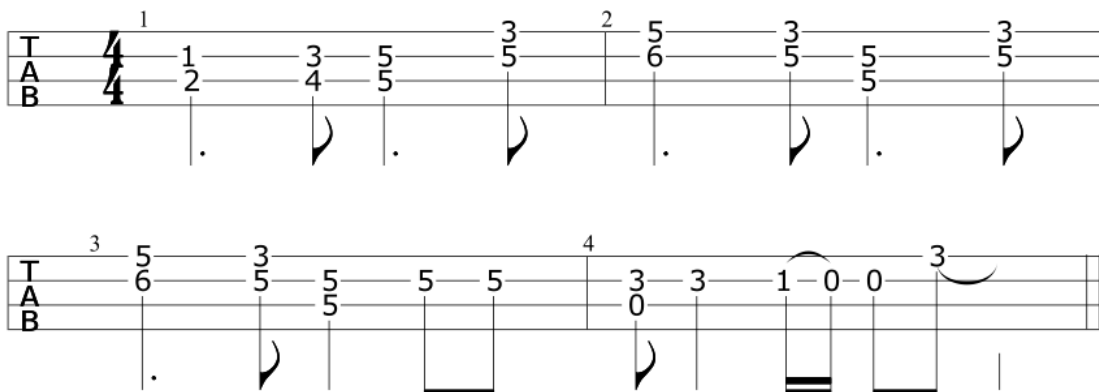
James Bay

INTRO

VERSE 1

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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
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CHORUS

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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
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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
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Gm
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CHORUS x2

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