

## DON'T HOLD ME BACK

G  
She was leaving the day I met her  
G F C  
Bound for somewhere she thought better  
C G  
Than this old river town where we were born

G  
It took some talking, I must say  
G F C  
To make her change her mind and stay  
C G  
Though she loved me she was eager to go

C  
Don't hold me back  
C C7  
'Cause I'm leaving down that winding levee road

C  
Don't hold me back  
C  
Like that river I am bustin',  
Am D  
Bustin' from these old muddy banks

She was my rock, I was her anchor  
And though I tried my best to thank her  
She always had one foot out the door.

Thanks to her I was still sober  
On that night in late October  
When the water overtopped the levee wall

She screamed "Why'd you stop me leavin'?"  
I don't want to be here grievin'  
For a town I knew was destined to drown,"

Don't hold me back  
'Cause I'm leaving down that winding levee road  
Don't hold me back  
Like that river I am bursting  
Bustin' from these old muddy banks

When the waters were receding

I tried to stop her with my pleading  
But she sailed off without a backward glance

My home is gone, and I'm behind her  
I am setting off to find her  
And a new life, if she'll give me the chance

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