

Hold On
Tom Waits

(verse 1)

D **G**
They hung a sign up in out town
A7 **D**
if you live it up, you won t live it down
D **G**
So, she left Monte Rio, son
A7 **D**
Just like a bullet leaves a gun
G **A7**
With charcoal eyes and Monroe hips
D **G**
She went and took that California trip
Em **A7**
Well, the moon was gold, her Hair like wind
Em **A7**
She said don t look back just Come on Jim

(chorus)

Oh you got to
D **A** **D**
Hold on, Hold on
G
You got to hold on
D **A**
Take my hand, I m standing right here
D
You gotta hold on

(verse 2)

D **G**
Well, he gave her a dimestore watch
A7 **D**
And a ring made from a spoon
D **G**
Everyone is looking for someone to blame
A7 **D**
But you share my bed, you share my name
G **A7**
Well, go ahead and call the cops
D **G**
You don t meet nice girls in coffee shops
Em **A7**
She said baby, I still love you
Em **A7**

Sometimes there s nothin left to do

(chorus)

Oh you got to

D **A** **D**

Hold on, Hold on

G

Baby, You got to hold on

D **A**

Take my hand, I m standing right here

D

You gotta hold on

(verse 3)

D

G

Well, God bless your crooked little heart

A7

D

St. Louis got the best of me

D **G**

I miss your broken-china voice

A7

D

How I wish you were still here with me

G

A7

Oh, you build it up, you wreck it down

D

G

You burn your mansion to the ground

Em

A7

When there s nothing left to keep you here, when

Em

A7

You re falling behind in this big blue world

(chorus)

Oh you got to

D **A** **D**

Hold on, Hold on

G

Baby you got to hold on

D **A**

Take my hand, I m standing right here

D

You gotta hold on

(verse 4)

D

G

Down by the Riverside motel,

A7

D

It s 10 below and falling

D **G**

By a ninety nine cent store

A7

D

She closed her eyes and started swaying

G **A7**
But it s so hard to dance that way
D **G**
When it s cold and there s no music
Em **A7**
Well your old hometown is so far away
Em **A7**
But, inside your head there s a record that s playing

(chorus)

A song called
D **A** **D**
Hold on, Hold on
G
You got to hold on
D **A**
Take my hand, I m standing right here
D
You gotta hold on