

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