

Hold On  
Tom Waits

(verse 1)

**Eb** **G#**  
They hung a sign up in out town  
**Bb7** **Eb**  
if you live it up, you won t live it down  
**Eb** **G#**  
So, she left Monte Rio, son  
**Bb7** **Eb**  
Just like a bullet leaves a gun  
**G#** **Bb7**  
With charcoal eyes and Monroe hips  
**Eb** **G#**  
She went and took that California trip  
**Fm** **Bb7**  
Well, the moon was gold, her Hair like wind  
**Fm** **Bb7**  
She said don t look back just Come on Jim

(chorus)

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

(verse 2)

**Eb** **G#**  
Well, he gave her a dime store watch  
**Bb7** **Eb**  
And a ring made from a spoon  
**Eb** **G#**  
Everyone is looking for someone to blame  
**Bb7** **Eb**  
But you share my bed, you share my name  
**G#** **Bb7**  
Well, go ahead and call the cops  
**Eb** **G#**  
You don t meet nice girls in coffee shops  
**Fm** **Bb7**  
She said baby, I still love you  
**Fm** **Bb7**

Sometimes there s nothin left to do

(chorus)

Oh you got to

**Eb Bb Eb**

Hold on, Hold on

**G#**

Baby, You got to hold on

**Eb Bb**

Take my hand, I m standing right here

**Eb**

You gotta hold on

(verse 3)

**Eb**

**G#**

Well, God bless your crooked little heart

**Bb7**

**Eb**

St. Louis got the best of me

**Eb**

**G#**

I miss your broken-china voice

**Bb7**

**Eb**

How I wish you were still here with me

**G#**

**Bb7**

Oh, you build it up, you wreck it down

**Eb**

**G#**

You burn your mansion to the ground

**Fm**

**Bb7**

When there s nothing left to keep you here, when

**Fm**

**Bb7**

You re falling behind in this big blue world

(chorus)

Oh you got to

**Eb Bb Eb**

Hold on, Hold on

**G#**

Baby you got to hold on

**Eb Bb**

Take my hand, I m standing right here

**Eb**

You gotta hold on

(verse 4)

**Eb**

**G#**

Down by the Riverside motel,

**Bb7**

**Eb**

It s 10 below and falling

**Eb**

**G#**

By a ninety nine cent store

**Bb7**

**Eb**

She closed her eyes and started swaying

**G#** **Bb7**  
But it s so hard to dance that way  
**Eb** **G#**  
When it s cold and there s no music  
**Fm** **Bb7**  
Well your old hometown is so far away  
**Fm** **Bb7**  
But, inside your head there s a record that s playing

(chorus)

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