

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