

Hold On
Tom Waits

(verse 1)

C **F**
They hung a sign up in out town
G7 **C**
if you live it up, you won t live it down
C **F**
So, she left Monte Rio, son
G7 **C**
Just like a bullet leaves a gun
F **G7**
With charcoal eyes and Monroe hips
C **F**
She went and took that California trip
Dm **G7**
Well, the moon was gold, her Hair like wind
Dm **G7**
She said don t look back just Come on Jim

(chorus)

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

(verse 2)

C **F**
Well, he gave her a dimestore watch
G7 **C**
And a ring made from a spoon
C **F**
Everyone is looking for someone to blame
G7 **C**
But you share my bed, you share my name
F **G7**
Well, go ahead and call the cops
C **F**
You don t meet nice girls in coffee shops
Dm **G7**
She said baby, I still love you
Dm **G7**

Sometimes there s nothin left to do

(chorus)

Oh you got to

C G C

Hold on, Hold on

F

Baby, You got to hold on

C G

Take my hand, I m standing right here

C

You gotta hold on

(verse 3)

C

F

Well, God bless your crooked little heart

G7

C

St. Louis got the best of me

C

F

I miss your broken-china voice

G7

C

How I wish you were still here with me

F

G7

Oh, you build it up, you wreck it down

C

F

You burn your mansion to the ground

Dm

G7

When there s nothing left to keep you here, when

Dm

G7

You re falling behind in this big blue world

(chorus)

Oh you got to

C G C

Hold on, Hold on

F

Baby you got to hold on

C G

Take my hand, I m standing right here

C

You gotta hold on

(verse 4)

C

F

Down by the Riverside motel,

G7

C

It s 10 below and falling

C

F

By a ninety nine cent store

G7

C

She closed her eyes and started swaying

F **G7**
But it s so hard to dance that way
C **F**
When it s cold and there s no music
Dm **G7**
Well your old hometown is so far away
Dm **G7**
But, inside your head there s a record that s playing

(chorus)

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