

HOLDING BACK THE YEARS

[Verse 1]

Holding back the years
Thinking of the fear I've had so long
When somebody hears
Listen to the fear that's gone

[Bridge]

Strangled by the wishes of pater
Hoping for the arms of mater
Get to me the sooner or later, oh

[Verse 2]

Holding back the years
Chance for me escape from all I've known
Holding back the tears
'Cause nothing here has grown

[Pre-Chorus]

I've wasted all my tears
Wasted all those years
Nothing had the chance to be good
Nothing ever could yeah, oh well

[Chorus]

I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
So tight

[Pre-Chorus]

Alright
Oh, now
Well, I've wasted all my tears
Wasted all of those years
And nothing had the chance to be good
'Cause nothing ever could, oh, yeah
Oh

[Chorus]

I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
I'll keep holding on
Holding, holding, holding

[Outro]

Oh, la-la, la-la, la-la
I say, ooh, well
That's all I have today
It's all I have to say

(Simply Red)

“Holding Back the Years” tells of the troubled upbringing lead singer Mick Hucknall had during his youth. The difficulty he had finding support from a stern father and a mother that wasn’t there often enough. The upbringing he had didn’t offer confidence or a sense of value – so to put this time in check with finding success he has to “Hold Back The Years” in moving forward.