## I Could Have Been You

## Melissa Etheridge

Take, take a look at the sky Sometimes your heaven seems so far away Take, take a look under here Where deprivation turns into decay I've stood under this rain Felt it seep into my brain

I've shut my eyes and crawled around this mud I'm scared of growin' old I shiver when I'm cold Don't you think I bleed the same blood

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Wait, wait before you turn off Maybe there's a chance we can relate Wait everybody turns on Why deny a fact that's so innate It's not so easy anymore The way you used to keep score Not so black and white the color of your sin Take a walk inside my shoes A path I didn't choose Spend the night inside of my skin

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Change is turning into fear Fear is melting into hate With hate you justify your crime A crime compassion can erase Erase erase

Touch, touch what I feel And know I believe everything I say So go, go if you must Remember one thing as you walk away

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