If I Could

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If I could – I'd protect you from the sadness in your eyes.
Give you courage in a world of compromise.
Yes, I would...

If I could – I would teach you all the things I never learned.
And I'd help you cross the bridges that I burned.
Yes, I would...

If I could – I would try to shield your innocence from time.
But, the part of life I gave you isn't mine.
I watched you grow – So I could let you go...

If I could – I would help you make it through the hungry years.
But, I know that I could never dry your tears.
But, I would – If I could...

Yes, if I live – in a time and place where you don't want to be
,
you don't have to walk along this road with me.
My yesterday – won't have to be your way...

If I knew – I would try to change the world I brought you to.
And there isn't very much that I could do.
But, I would – if I could...

Oh, baby, Daddy wants to protect you.
And help my baby through the hungry years.
'Cause you're a part of me.
And if you ever, ever need, I said a shoulder to cry on,
Or just someone to talk to, I'll be there. I'll be there.
I didn't change the world.
But, I would – If I could...

(Spoken) "Oh, darlin'. I love ya baby."...