

## If I Could

Regina Belle

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've never learned  
And I'd help you cross the bridges that I've burned  
Yes, I would

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I would try to shield your innocence from time  
But the part of life I gave you isn't mine  
I'll watch you grow, so I can let you go

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I would help you make it through the hungry years  
But I know that I can never cry your tears, babe  
But I would if I could

If I could  
In a time and place where you don't wanna 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'd try to change the world I brought you to  
Now there isn't much more that I can do  
But I would if I could

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