

## What I Would Say

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She was a lovely girl, a charming brown eyed beauty  
You were the bright young man who swept her off her feet  
The high school class ring soon became a wedding band  
And you went off to sail the seas for Uncle Sam  
But they say it was the demon in the bottle  
That took you far away never to return  
And you never knew your son would be my father  
And now sometimes I think about you and I wonder  
If I could talk to you what words would I choose

I would say I wish I could have known you  
And I would say I wish you would've stayed  
But most of all I would say I forgive you

I know your love was strong I read it in your letters  
I read how hard you tried to break free from the chains  
I know we all could say how you should have done better  
And wear our anger and resentment like a fetter  
But that's why I would say this to you if I could.

I'd love to tell you how the lovely girl you married  
She's been my hero and a treasure to us all  
I know you'd be proud of the way your name's been carried  
These are things I would love to tell you if I could  
I wish you were here to hear what I would say