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

If I could

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

If I could

I would help you make it through the hungry years $And\ I$ know that I could never cry your tears $But\ I$ would if I could

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 yesterdays don't have to be your way

If I knew

I could try to change the world I brought you to Now there isn't that much more that I can do But I would if I could

If, if I could