If We Knew

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There was boy 'bout two years old That's much too young too see what would unfold His dad so bold, so full of lies Caught up in things that would take his life

He'd leave behind all words unsaid His loved ones learned to deal with it When his boy got older with less than enough guidance Needed more assurance, a little strength and courage

But if he knew what he knows now He may be with us still If he knew what he knows now, oh

There was girl 'bout three years old To laugh and play should have been her goals Her family moved from place to place Free spirits and money they couldn't waste

She'd be alone more times than few
Too many men trusted and out of view
One took her in and used his mind
Scarred her inside and changed her life

So when she had daughters of her own Her memories could no longer escape her They affected all the choices that she would make

But if she knew what she knows now She wouldn't take the blame If she knew what she knows now

I was the girl who felt so strong
'Bout anything in this world when I saw wrong
I smiled a lot, sometimes cry alone
When it got too much I had a place to turn

I wish that I could heal your pain
Capture the truth, secrets filled with shame, oh

'Cuz if you want I'll tell the world All the things you couldn't say And hope that you can find your way

'Cuz I know what I know now
I was preparing for today
If we knew what we know now
We could have made a better day

If we knew what we know now We'd know there was a different way If we knew what we know now

But we all learn by example We can become our worst fear Certain lessons we should hold on Some don't serve us anymore Our parents raised us how they knew how They didn't know a better way I just try as hard you could Don't wanna make the same mistake

Hope that you can find your way Hope that you can find your way