## 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'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'll watch you grow so I can let you go If I could I would help you make it through the hungry years But I know that I can never cry your tears But I would 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 If I could 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 If I could I'd help you make it through the hungry years But I know that I can never cry your tears But I would if I could