

If I Could

Barbra Streisand

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
But I know that I can 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 yesterday won't have to be your way
If I knew, I'd have tried to change the world I brought you to
And there isn't very much that I can do, but I would, if I could
If I could, I would try to shield your innocence
from time
But that part of life I gave you isn't mine
I watched you grow so I could let you go
If, if I could, I would help you make it through those hungry years
But I know that I can never cry your tears, but I would, if I could
Yes, I would, yes, I would, if I could

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