If I Could

Linda Eder

If I could
I'd protect you from the sadness in your eyes
Give you courage in a world of compromise
Yes, I wouldIf 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 wouldIf 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 goIf 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 couldIn 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 wayIf 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 couldIf I could
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