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 lifeHe'd leave behind old words unsaid

His loved ones left to deal with it

When his boy got older with less than enough guidance

Needed more assurance, a little strength and courageBut if he knew what he knows now

He may be with us still

If he knew what he knows now, ohThere was girl 'bout three years old

To laugh and play should have been what goes

Her family moved from place to place

Free spirits and money they couldn't wasteShe'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 lifeSo when she had daughters of her own

Her memories could no longer escape her

They affected all the choices that she would makeBut if she knew what she knows now

She wouldn't take the blame

If she knew what she knows now was the girl who felt so strong

'Bout anything in this world when I saw wrong

I analyze, sometimes cry alone

When it got too much I had a place to turnI 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 dayIf we knew what we know now

We'd know there was a different way

If we knew what we know nowBut we all learn by example

We can become our worst fear

Certain lessons we should hold on

Some don't serve us anymoreOur 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 mistakeHope that you can find your way

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