

# If I Had Been a Better Man

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There were kings and queens and could have beens  
And pretenders to the throne  
I was a sweet contender then  
Now my seeds they've all been sown  
I scorched the earth behind me  
I could have made a better plan  
Yeah if I had been a better man My promises were not to keep  
But thrown into the dirt  
There must be more I told myself  
As I buttoned up my shirt  
Well I could paint myself in glory now  
And be proud of who I am  
Yeah I had been a better man  
Stumbling through deep suburbs of my mind  
As secrets of silence unwind  
I will sing you so long  
Now only love  
Only love makes me strong You charity I took as mine  
I claimed it as my own  
I followed my ascending star  
To far away from home  
Well I was mesmerized by shiny things  
Now in frozen time I stand  
Yeah if I had been a better man  
Now I'm kneeling and I'm digging deep  
Deep into the ground  
I'm searching for my soul to keep  
Like a buried treasure found  
In dreams I speak in ancient tongues  
Lost in wind and sand  
Yeah if only I had been a better man  
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