If I Could

Ray Charles

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've watched you grow, so I could let you goIf I could
I would help you make it through the hungry years
But I know that I could never cry your tears
But I would If I couldYes, 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 wayIf I knew
I would try to change the world I brought you to
And there isn't very much that I could do
But I would If I couldOh baby, daddy wants to protect you
And help my baby through the hungriest
'Cause your part of me and if you ever ever need
Said a shoulder to cry on or just someone to talk to
I'll be there, I'll be thereI didn't change your world
But I would if I could
Oh darling, I love you baby