

## Young Chris

### "What I Wish I'd Said"

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He was a skinny kid who might as well've had a  
bullseye on his back,  
'Cause his hand me down clothes were not the kind the  
rest of us kids had  
He ate lunch alone most all the time so he never had  
much to say  
And in part I felt responsible, cuz in Johnson's class one  
day,

I chose words I was sure would make his face turn red,  
But that's not What I Wish I'd Said

Me and my little sister were pretty good buddies  
But we teased each other a lot  
And I thought it was pretty funny, when she couldn't get  
a date to the prom  
And she came home and said "what the heck, I'll find  
somethin' else to do"  
And I said "If you weren't such a pain in the neck,  
maybe you'd be goin' to"

She looked up and her eyes were red  
And lookin' back now that's not what I Wish I'd said

What I Wish I'd said to that kid instead, is I can always  
use another friend  
And What I Wish I'd said, if I had the chance,  
Is "Do you think that your big bother could escort you to  
that dance?"  
That's What I Wish I'd said

Now here we stand just you and me, and tempers are  
flarin' high  
You look like you're about to leave, But before you say  
goodbye,

What I Wish I'd said is a whole lot less, and just held on  
to our happiness  
Now we'd have a lot fewer problems to solve, if I'd just  
said nothing, nothing at all  
Now that's What I Wish I'd said, That's What I Wish I'd

said

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