

**Emmylou Harris****"What Could Have Been feat. Kathy Mattea"**

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(Beth Nielsen Chapman)  
Emmylou Harris & Kathy Mattea

There was someone I used to love  
A long, long time ago  
He found someone before I had  
The chance to let him know.

And every time I tried to get  
My heart to close that door  
I'd think about what could have been  
And only love him more.

I told a friend how sad I was  
The fate was so unfair  
This perfect love that could have been  
My heart would never share.

And not till summer came and went  
Did her advice ring true?  
When I found out my heart was meant  
To fall in love with you.

We never know what could have been  
But looking back we see  
What could have been and never was  
Was never meant to be.

--- Instrumental ---

I saw the one I used to love  
When I went out today  
I said hello, I met his wife  
Then I was on my way.

It may be luck, it may be fate  
It may be God's design  
I only know it's no mistake  
I'm yours and you are mine.

We never know what could have been?

But looking back we see  
What could have been and never was  
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