

Steven Curtis Chapman "What I Would Say"

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She was a lovely girl, a charming brown eyed beauty
You were the bright young man who swept her off her
feet

The high school class ring soon became a wedding
band

And you went off to sail the seas for Uncle Sam

But they say it was the demon in the bottle

That took you far away never to return

And you never knew your son would be my father

And now sometimes, I think about you and I wonder

If I could talk to you what words would I choose

I would say, "I wish I could have known you"

And I would say, "I wish you would've stayed"

But most of all I would say, "I forgive you"

I know your love was strong, I read it in your letters

I read how hard you tried to break free from the chains

I know we all could say how you should have done
better

And wear our anger and resentment like a fetter

But that's why I would say this to you if I could

I would say, "I wish I could have known you"

And I would say, "I wish you would've stayed"

But most of all I would say, "I forgive you"

I'd love to tell you how the lovely girl you married

She's been my hero and a treasure to us all

I know you'd be proud of the way your name's been
carried

These are things I would love to tell you if I could

And I would say, "I wish I could have known you"

And I would say, "I wish you would've stayed"

But most of all I would say, "I forgive you"

I wish you were here to hear what I would say

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