

If I Could Tell You (But I Can't)

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♩=80

mp

Time will say noth-ing but I told you so, Time on-ly knows the

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price we have to pay; If I could tell you I would let you know.

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mf

If we should weep when clowns put on their show, If we should stum-ble when mu-si-cians play,

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mp *mf*

Time will say noth-ing but I told you so. There are no for-tunes to be

19 *mp*
told, al-though, Be-cause I love you more than I can say, If I could tell you I would let you

24 *mf*
know. The winds must come from some-where when they blow,

28 *mp*
There must be rea-sons why the leaves de-cay; Time will say noth-ing but I told you

31 *mf*
so. Per-haps the ro-ses real-ly want to grow, The vi-sion se-rious-