

# IF I HAD KNOWN YOU

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I  
If I'd known you  
as my music teacher in middle school  
I'd have caused trouble  
to see how far you'd go  
but then would've sung a great solo  
and called you 10 years down the road  
to thank you for what you taught me

[refrain]

If I'----d known you [x2]

I  
If I'----d known you  
as a hippie singing folk tunes  
I'd have bootlegged a concert  
on a reel to reel  
and sent it to Bruce Cockburn  
so he could hear  
who was the talent and who was the tool.

I  
If I'd known you  
In Europe with your denim  
I  
as a tourist meeting you and your friend  
I'd have taken your picture  
and sent it back to the States  
to Grandpa and Grandmas to make your  
brother jealous

I  
If I'd known you  
in the Cantata choir  
I'd have sat behind you next to Dad  
pushed him to ask you out  
mentioned to you on the sly  
the tall dark and handsome tenor

I  
If I'd known you  
in college with the cat  
I'd have ridden along with  
Rick and all your friends  
Dreaming of what your lives would  
hold and taking down  
their numbers or reference later

I  
If I'd known you  
In another life,  
I  
and all my schemes came true  
my perfect plans  
I wouldn't have known better  
I couldn't have done better  
I wouldn't have known better  
than to know you.