

## What if?

What if our Tal was still with us today?  
What if she'd never been taken away?  
I try to envision how life would have been  
Without the deep longing that smolders within

What if her life had not been cut short?  
What if she'd won the battle you fought?  
She'd be all grown up – now ten years old  
With big brown eyes, and beauty untold

What if fate had not been so cruel?  
She'd be busy preparing for fifth grade at school  
Singing and dancing in school plays and such  
Bright and successful in all that shed touch

What if my daughter had not had to face  
A life filled with sadness I cannot erase?  
I see the grief and I hear her cries  
And I'm helpless to dry the tears in her eyes

What if scientists had found a cure  
And ended the suffering she had to endure?  
If her on life had remained unshaken  
How different the roads that our lives would have taken

But what ifs do not last for long  
The truth emerges ever strong  
Six years ago we said our goodbyes  
Now coloured the balloons take our love to the skies

No matter how the years go by  
We'll never allow her memory to die  
In our hearts and our souls she will always remain  
Until one day we meet again

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