

If I Were A Carpenter – Tim Hardin

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Key: D **Notes:** Standard tuning (E A D G B E) or played using a Drop D tuning.

[Intro]

D C – G – D [2x]

[Verse 1]

D C
If I were a carpenter,
G D
and you were a lady
D C
Would you marry me anyway?
G D
Would you have my baby?

[Verse 2]

D C
If a tinker were my trade,
G D
would you still find me
D C
Carrying the pots I made
G D
following behind me?

[Chorus]

C D
Save my love for sorrow
G D
save my love for lonely
D C
I give you my tomorrow
G D
love me only

[Verse 3]

D C
If I worked my hands in wood,
G D
would you still love me?
D C
Answer me, babe: "yes I would
G D
I'd put you above me"

[Verse 4]

D C
If I were a miller,
G D
at a mill wheel grinding
D C
Would you miss your colored blouse
G D
your soft shoes shining

[Intro] [Drop D Tuning]

D
e |-----|
B |-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
G |-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----|
D |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
A |-----|
D |-----|

C D
e |-----|
B |-----0-----3-----3-----3-----|
G |-----0-----2-----2-----2-----|
D |-----2-----0-----0-----0-----|
A |-----0-2-3-----3-2-0-----|
D |-----4/5\0-----|

If I were a

[Verse] [Drop D Tuning]

C A D
E |-----|
B |-----3-----3-----3-----|
G |-----0-----7-----2-----2-----|
D |-----2-----1/2p0-----5-----5-----0-----0-----|
A |-----3-----3-----5-----5-----|
D |-----5-----5-----5-----0-----|

[Chorus]

C D
Save my love for loneliness
G D
save my love for sorrow
D C
I've given you my only-ness
G D
you've given me your tomorrow

[Solo]

D C – G – D [2x]

[Verse 5]

D C
If I were a carpenter,
G D
and you were a lady
D C
Would you marry me anyway?
G D
would you have my baby?

[Closing]

D C
Would you marry me anyway?
G D
would you have my baby?

[Ending]

D C – G – D [2x]