

KINDER

**I should have been kinder
I should have been patient, I should have been sweet
I should have passed by the vegetables
and given you a treat
I should have been wiser
I should have been lenient and accepted defeat
and realized that kindness
is where our hearts were more likely to meet**

**I should have been kinder
I should have been wiser about what was in store
If I kept persisting in winning the battle
while losing the war
I should have been slower
to anger and then to raising my voice
and accepted that kindness
is not just expected but also a choice**

**I should have been kinder
I should have been gentle, should have given more time
I should have let you stay up longer
that would have been fine
I should have been softer
with my love, more hugs, and my way
Understanding that it's kindness
That brings happiness today**