Why Was I Born

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Emaj⁷   F♯dim⁷   Fm⁷   B♭⁷   E♭maj⁷

Why was I born? Why am I liv - ing? What do I

B♭m⁷   E♭⁷   A♭maj⁷   D♭⁷   E♭maj⁷   Cm⁷

get? What am I giv - ing? Why do I want a thing I dare - n't

Fm⁷   B♭⁷   B♭m⁷   E♭⁷   A♭maj⁷   D♭⁷   Gm⁷   C⁷

hope for? What can I hope for? I wish I knew.

Fm⁷   B♭⁷   E♭maj⁷   F♯dim⁷   Fm⁷   B♭⁷   E♭maj⁷

Why do I try to draw you near me? Why do I

B♭m⁷   E♭⁷   A♭maj⁷   D♭⁷   E♭maj⁷   Cm⁷   F⁷

cry? You nev - er hear me. I'm a poor fool, but what can I do?

D♭⁷   E♭maj⁷   F♯dim⁷   Fm⁷   B♭⁷   E♭maj⁷

Why was I born to love you?