

# **WHAT IF?**

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**Did you ever stop and think  
how the world would be  
if folks had turned out  
differently?**

**For instance,  
what if Ben Franklin  
never tried to fly a kite,  
or Shakespeare never tried to  
write?**

**What if Einstein never  
used his brain  
or the Wright brothers  
never tried to fly a plane?**

**What if Lincoln never tried  
to free the slaves,  
or Susan B. Anthony was  
afraid to make waves?**

**What if Alexander Graham Bell  
was content to just yell?**

**What if Ford never tried  
to make a car,  
or Walt Disney never  
wished upon a star?**

**What if Beethoven  
never tried to play?  
What if Mother Teresa  
turned away?**

**What if Babe Ruth  
was afraid to swing a bat?  
What if Columbus accepted  
that the world was flat?**

**What if Luciano Pavarotti  
never tried to sing?  
What if dreams were enough  
for Martin Luther King?**

**What if Jim Thorpe  
never entered the race,  
or Baryshnikov let another  
dance in his place?**

**What if Michelangelo thought  
he wasn't good enough,  
or John Glenn feared  
he didn't have the right stuff?**

**What if all the folks  
who've changed the world  
had lived and died  
and never tried?**

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