

# If You Could Read My Mind – Gordon Lightfoot (1970)

Intro: A A(add9) A A(add9)

## Chords

A A(add9) G Em7  
- If you could read my mind love - what a tale my thoughts could tell  
A A(add9) G Em7  
- Just like an old time movie, - 'bout a ghost from a wishing well  
A A7 D E7 F#m  
- In a castle dark - - or a fortress strong - with chains upon my feet - - -

Verse 1

D A D A  
You know that ghost is me - - - and I will never be set free  
D E7 A A(add9)  
As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see

A A(add9) G Em7  
- If I could read your mind love - what a tale your thoughts could tell  
A A(add9) G Em7  
- Just like a paperback novel - the kind that drugstores sell  
A A7 D E7 F#m  
- When u reach the part - - where the heartaches come - the hero would be me  
D A D A  
But heroes often fail - - - and you won't read that book again  
D E7 A A(add9)  
Because the ending's just too hard to take

G - G(maj7) - Em7 - G - A A(add9) G - G(maj7) - Em7 - G -

A A7 D E7 F#m  
- I'd walk away like a movie star who gets burned in a three way script - - -  
D A D A  
Enter number two - - - a movie queen to play the scene  
D E7 F#m D A  
Of bringing all the good things out in me - - but for now love, let's be real  
D A D E7  
I never thought I could act this way & I've got to say that I just don't get it  
D A D E7  
I don't know where we went wrong, but the feeling's gone and I just can't get it  
A A(add9) A A(add9)  
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Verse 1

D A D A  
But stories always end - - - and if you read between the lines  
D E7 F#m D A  
You'll know that I'm just tryin' to understand - - - the feelings that you lack - - -  
D A D E7  
I never thought I could act this way & I've got to say that I just don't get it  
D A D E7  
I don't know where we went wrong, but the feeling's gone and I just can't get it  
A A(add9) A A(add9) G - G(maj7) - Em7 - G - A{stop}  
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