

IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND (GORDON LIGHTFOOT, 1970)

(2P)

G F  
If you could read my mind love, what a tale my thoughts could tell

G F  
Just like an old time movie, - 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well

G G7 C D Em  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong, With chains upon my feet

C G C G/B  
You know that ghost is me. And I will never be set free

Am7 D G  
As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see

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(Optional Instrumental in G)

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G F  
If I could read your mind love, - What a tale your thoughts could tell

G F  
Just like a paperback novel, - the kind that drugstores sell

G G7 C  
When you reach the part where the heartaches come

D Em C G  
The hero would be me, but heroes often fail

C G/B Am7 D G  
And you won't read that book again because the ending's just too hard to take

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(Optional Instrumental: G F G F)

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**G                  G7                  C                                  D                                  Em**

I'd walk away like a movie star who gets burned in a three-way script

**Am7                      D                                      Em                      C                                      G/B**  
**Of bringing all the good things out in me. But for now, love, let's be real**

**C                      G/B                      Am7                      D**

I never thought I could act this way and I've got to say that I just don't get it

**C**                      **G/B**                      **Am7**

I don't know where we went wrong, but the feeling's gone

**D                      G**

**And I just can't get it back**

**G** If you could read my mind love, what a tale my thoughts could tell

**G F G**  
Just like an old time movie, 'bout a ghost from a wishing well

**(G) G7 C D Em**  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong, with chains upon my feet

**C                      G                      C                      G/B**  
**But stories always end. And if you read be-tween the lines**

**Am7                      D                      Em                      C                      G/B**  
**You'll know that I'm just trying to understand, the feelings that you lack**

**C                      G/B                      Am7                      D**

I never thought I could feel this way, and I've got to say that I just don't get it

**C** **G/B** **Am7**  
I don't know where we went wrong, but the feelings gone

**D G F G**  
**And I just can't get it back**