

# I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

Eb for Standard Key

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Medium Gospel [Nina Simone 1967] (♩ = 124)

(A<sup>7</sup>sus) D F<sup>#</sup>/C<sup>#</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> GMA<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus

I wish I knew how\_ it would feel\_ to be free.\_ I

5 D G/D D A E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

wish I could break\_ all these chains\_ holding me.\_ I

9 D F<sup>#</sup>/C<sup>#</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> GMA<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus D<sup>6</sup> G<sup>#</sup>o<sup>7</sup>

wish I could say\_ all the things\_ I should say,\_ say 'em loud,

13 D/A F<sup>#</sup>/A<sup>#</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>#</sup>o<sup>7</sup> D/A A<sup>7</sup>sus D<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus

\_ say 'em clear,\_ for the whole\_ world to hear.\_

**Verse 2** I wish I could share all the love in my heart,  
Remove all the bars that still keep us apart.  
I wish you could know what it means to be me,  
Then you'd see and agree every man should be free.

**Verse 3** I wish I could give all I'm longing to give.  
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.  
I wish I could do all the things I can do,  
Though I'm way overdue, I'd be starting anew.

**Verse 4** I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.  
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.  
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea,  
Then I'd sing 'cause I know how it feels to be free.