

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

Nina Simone Key

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

Sheet music for the first line of the song. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on C, moves to B-flat, then D7/A, GMI7, B-flat7, E-flat MA7, F7sus, B-flat6, and F7sus. The lyrics are: "I wish I knew how it would feel to be free..." The measure ends with an I chord.

Sheet music for the second line of the song. The melody continues with B-flat, E-flat/B-flat, B-flat, F, C7, and F7. The lyrics are: "I could break all these chains holding me." The measure ends with an I chord.

Sheet music for the third line of the song. The melody continues with B-flat, D7/A, GMI7, B-flat7, E-flat MA7, F7sus, B-flat6, and E-o7. The lyrics are: "I could say all the things I should say, say 'em loud,"

Sheet music for the fourth line of the song. The melody continues with B-flat/F, D7/F-sharp, GMI7, E-o7, B-flat/F, F7sus, B-flat6, and F7sus. The lyrics are: "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.