

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

Eb for Standard Key

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Medium Gospel [Nina Simone 1967] ($\text{♩} = 124$)

Sheet music for the first line of the song. The key signature is Eb major (one sharp). The melody starts on C and moves through various chords including A7sus, D, F#7/C#, Bm7, D7, GmA7, A7sus, D6, and A7sus. The lyrics are: "I wish I knew how it would feel to be free... I". The tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 124$.

Sheet music for the second line of the song. The melody continues with chords D, G/D, D, A, E7, and A7. The lyrics are: "wish I could break all these chains holding me... I".

Sheet music for the third line of the song. The melody continues with chords D, F#7/C#, Bm7, D7, GmA7, A7sus, D6, and G#o7. The lyrics are: "wish 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 chords D/A, F#7/A#, Bm7, G#o7, D/A, A7sus, D6, and A7sus. 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.