

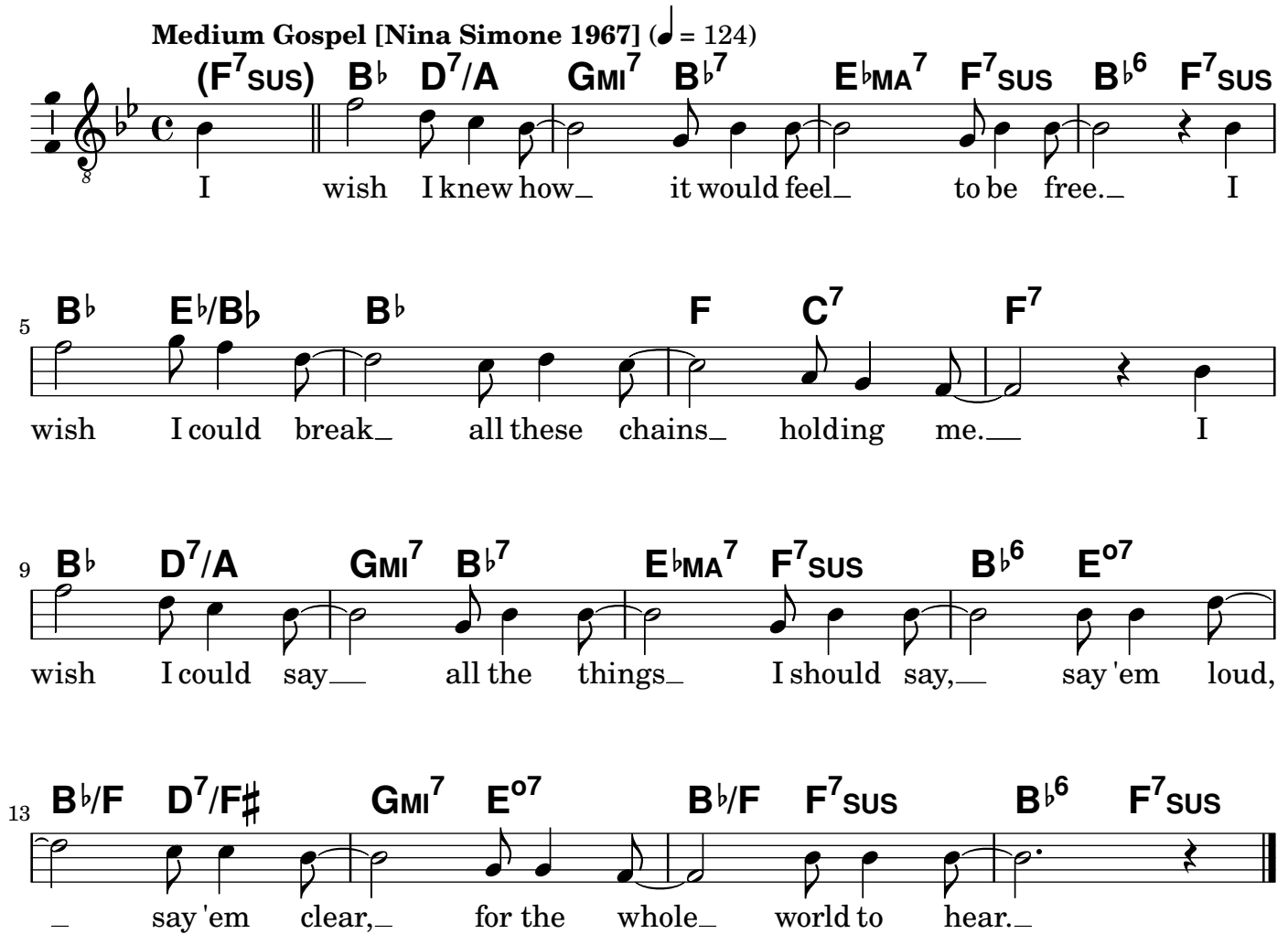
I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

Nina Simone Key

Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas

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



8 (F⁷sus) B^b D⁷/A Gmi⁷ B^b⁷ E^bMA⁷ F⁷sus B^b⁶ F⁷sus

I wish I knew how_ it would feel_ to be free._ I

5 B^b E^b/B^b B^b F C⁷ F⁷

wish I could break_ all these chains_ holding me._ I

9 B^b D⁷/A Gmi⁷ B^b⁷ E^bMA⁷ F⁷sus B^b⁶ E^o⁷

wish I could say_ all the things_ I should say,_ say 'em loud,

13 B^b/F D⁷/F[#] Gmi⁷ E^o⁷ B^b/F F⁷sus B^b⁶ F⁷sus

_ 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.