

# **If You Could Read My Mind**

**(Gordon Lightfoot)**

Time Signature: 4/4

Chords: C, Cmaj7, C7, F, G

Tempo: 130 - 150 BPM

**[INTRO]**

**[VERSE 1]**

G  
If you could read my mind love  
F  
What a tale my thoughts could tell  
G  
Just like an old time movie  
F  
'bout a ghost from a wishing well  
G G7 C  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong  
D Em  
With chains upon my feet  
C G  
You know that ghost is me  
C G  
And I will never be set free  
Am D G  
As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see

**[BRIDGE]**

G

[VERSE 2]

G  
If I could read your mind love  
F  
What a tale your thoughts could tell  
G  
Just like a paperback novel  
F  
The kind that drugstores sell  
G7  
When you reach the part  
C  
where the heartaches come  
D Em  
The hero would be me  
C G  
But heroes often fail

C G  
And you won't read that book again  
Am D G  
Because the ending's just too hard to take

**[BRIDGE]**

G F G F

**[VERSE 3]**

G G7 C  
I'd walk away like a movie star  
D Em  
Who gets burned in a three way script  
C G  
Enter number two  
C G  
A movie queen to play the scene  
Am D G  
Of bringing all the good things out in me  
C G  
But for now love, let's be real  
C G  
I never thought I could act this way  
Am D  
And I've got to say that I just don't get it  
C G  
I don't know where we went wrong  
Am  
But the feeling's gone  
D G  
And I just can't get it back

**[BRIDGE]**

G

**[VERSE 4]**

G  
If you could read my mind love  
F  
What a tale my thoughts could tell  
G  
Just like an old time movie  
F  
'bout a ghost from a wishing well

G                      G7                      C  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong  
                    D                      Em  
With chains upon my feet  
                    C                      G  
But stories always end  
                    C                      G  
And if you read between the lines  
                    Am                      D                      G  
You'll know that I'm just trying to understand  
                    C                      G  
The feeling's that you lack  
                    C                      G  
I never thought I could feel this way  
                    Am                      D  
And I've got to say that I just don't get it  
C                      G  
I don't know where we went wrong  
Am  
But the feeling's gone  
                    D                      G  
And I just can't get it back

**[OUTRO]**

F G