

If You Could Read My Mind

(written & performed by Gordon Lightfoot) 1970

Blue Book
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G **F**
If you could read my mind love, what a tale my thoughts could tell

G **F**
Just like an old time movie, about a ghost from a wishing well

G7 **C**
In a castle dark or a fortress strong

D **Em** **C** **G**
With chains upon my feet You know that ghost is me

C **G** **Am7** **D** **G**
And I will never be set free As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see

G **F**
If I could read your mind love, what a tale your thoughts could tell

G **F**
Just like a paperback novel, the kind that drugstores sell

G7 **C**
When you reach the part where the heartaches come

D **Em** **C** **G**
The hero would be me But heroes often fail

C **G** **Am7** **D** **G** **G F G F**
And you won't read that book again Be-cause the ending's just too hard to take

G **C** **D** **Em**
I'd walk away like a movie star, who gets burned in a three way script

C **G** **C** **G**
Enter number two: a movie queen to play the scene

Am7 **D** **G** **C** **G**
Of bringing all the good things out in me, But for now love, let's be real

C **G** **Am7** **D**
I never thought I could act this way, And I've got to say that I just don't get it

C **G** **Am7** **D** **G**
I don't know where we went wrong, But the feeling's gone And I just can't get it back

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G **F**
Just like an old time movie, About a ghost from a wishing well

G7 **C** **D** **Em**
In a castle dark or a fortress strong with chains upon my feet

C **G** **C** **G**
But stories always end. And if you read be-tween the lines

Am7 **D** **G** **C** **G**
You'll know that I'm just trying to under-stand the feelings that you lack

C **G** **Am7** **D**
I never thought I could feel this way, and I've got to say that I just don't get it

C **G** **Am7**
I don't know where we went wrong but the feeling's gone

D **G**
And I just can't get it back

