If You Could Read My Mind

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If you could read my mind, love
What a tale my thoughts could tell
Just like an old time movie

Bout a ghost from a wishing wellIn a castle dark or a fortress strong

With chains around my feet

You know that ghost is me and I will never be

Set free as long as I'm a ghost that you can't seeIf I could read your mind, love

What a tale your thoughts would tell

Just like a paperback novel

The kind the drugstores sellWhen you reached the part where the heartaches come

The hero would be me but heroes often fail

And you won't read that book again

Because the ending's just too hard to takeI'd walk away like a movie star

Who gets burned in a three way script

Enter number two, a movie queen to play the scene

Of bringing all the good things out in me

But for now, love, let's be realI never thought I could act this way

And I've got to say that I just don't get it

I don't know where we went wrong

But the feeling's gone and I just can't get it backIf you could read my mind, love

What a tale my thoughts could tell

Just like an old time movie

Bout a ghost from a wishing wellIn a castle dark or a fortress strong

With chains upon my feet but stories always end

If you read between the lines, you'll know

That I'm just tryin' to understand the feelin's that you lackI never thought, I could feel this way

And I've got to say that I just don't get it

I don't know where we went wrong

But the feelin's gone and I just can't get it back

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