

# I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

**Billy Taylor**

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free  
I wish I could break all of they chains they holding me  
And I wish I could say all the things that I should say  
Say it loud, say it clear for the whole round world to hear  
I wish I could share all the love that's in my heart  
And remove all the doubt that keep us apart  
I wish you could know what it means to be me  
Then you'd see and agree that every man should be free  
I wish I could give all I'm longin' to give  
I wish I could live like I'm longin' to live  
And I wish I could do all the things that I can do  
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew  
And I wish I could be like a bird in the sky  
How sweet it would be if I found out I could fly  
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the trees  
And I'd sing 'cause I know how it feels to be free  
And I'd sing 'cause I know, and I'd sing 'cause I know  
And I'd sing 'cause I know how it feels to be free

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