

# 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 cast the dark or a fortress strong  
    With chains upon 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 could tell  
    Just like a paperback novel  
The kind that drug stores sellWhen you reached the part  
    Where the heartaches start  
    The hero would be me but heroes often fail  
    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 No. 2  
    A movie queen keep to play the scene  
Of bringin' all the good things out of meBut for now, love, let's be real  
    I 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 feelin' is 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 cast the dark or a fortress strong  
    With chains upon my feet  
    But stories always end  
    And If you read between the lines  
You'd know that I'm just trying to understandThe feelin's that you lack  
    I'd 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' is gone and I just can't get it back

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