

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

**Irma Thomas**

I wish I knew how  
It would feel to be free  
I wish I could break  
All the chains holdin' meAnd I wish I could say  
All the things that I should say  
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear  
For the whole world to hearI wish I could share  
All the love that's in my heart  
Remove all the doubts  
That keep us apartAnd I wish you could know  
What it means to be me  
Then you'd see and agree  
That every man should be freeI wish I could give  
All I'm longin' to give  
And I wish I could live  
Like I'm longin' to liveAnd I wish I could do  
All the things that I can do  
Though I'm way over due  
I'd be startin' a newWell, I wish I could be  
Like a bird up in the sky  
How sweet it would be  
If I found I could flyOh, I'd soar high to the sun  
And I'd look down at the sea  
Then I'd sing 'cause I know  
Yes, I sing 'cause I knowI sing 'cause I know  
I know how it feels  
Yes, I know how it feels

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