

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 well
In 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 see
If I could read your mind, love
What a tale your thoughts would tell
Just like a paperback novel
The kind the drugstores sell
When 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 take
I'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 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 feeling's gone and I just can't get it back
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What a tale my thoughts could tell
Just like an old time movie
'Bout a ghost from a wishing well
In 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 lack
I 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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