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"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 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 see

If I could read your mind, love
What a tale your thoughts could tell
Just like a paperback novel
The kind that drug stores sell

When 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 take

I'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 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 feelin' is gone and I just can't get it back

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 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 understand

The 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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