

# If You Could Read My Mind

Key of G

Gordon Lightfoot

(Original in A)

Key:G

**G**

If you could read my mind love,

**F**

what a tale my thoughts could tell

**G**

Just like an old time movie, 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well

**G**

**G7**

**C**

In a castle dark, or a fortress strong,

**D**

**Em**

with chains upon my feet

**C**

**G**

You know that ghost is me.

**C**

**G/B**

And I will never be set free,

**Am7**

**D**

**G**

**G**

As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see.

**G**

If I could read your mind love,

**F**

what a tale your thoughts could tell

**G**

Just like a paperback novel; the kind that drugstores sell

**G**

**G7**

**C**

When you reach the part where the heartaches come,

**D**

**Em**

the hero would be me,

**C**

**G**

but heroes often fail.

**C**

**G/B**

And you won't read that book again

**Am7**

**D**

**G**

because the ending's just too hard to take

**G F G F G F G F**

**G**

**G7**

**C**

I'd walk away like a movie star

**D**

**Em**

who gets burned in a three way script

**C** **G** **C** **G/B**  
Enter number two; a movie queen to play the scene  
**Am7** **D** **Em**  
of bringing all the good things out in me  
**C** **G/B**  
But for now love, let's be real  
**C** **G/B**  
I never thought I could act this way  
**Am7** **D**  
And I've got to say that I just don't get it.  
**C** **G/B**  
I don't know where we went wrong,  
**Am7** **D** **G** **G**  
But the feelin's gone and I just can't get it back

**G**  
If you could read my mind love,  
**F**  
what a tale my thoughts could tell  
**G** **F**  
Just like an old time movie, 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well  
**G** **G7** **C**  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong  
**D** **Em**  
with chains upon my feet  
**C** **G**  
But stories always end.  
**C** **G/B**  
And if you read between the lines  
**Am7** **D** **Em**  
You'll know that I'm just tryin' to understand  
**C** **G/B**  
the feelin's that you lack  
**C** **G/B**  
I never thought I could feel this way  
**Am7** **D**  
and I've got to say that I just don't get it  
**C** **G/B** **Am7**  
I don't know where we went wrong But the feelin's gone  
**D** **G**  
And I just can't get it back

OUTRO:  
**F G F G**