

# If You Could Read My Mind by Gordon Lightfoot (Capo 1<sup>st</sup>)

**[Intro]** G-----G-----G-----G-----

## **[Verse 1]**

G F  
If you could read my mind love. What a tale my thoughts could tell.

G F  
Just like an old-time movie. 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well.

G C D Em  
In a castle dark... or a fortress strong. With chains upon my feet

C G C G  
You know that ghost is me. And I will never be set free,

Am D G-----G-----  
As long as I'm a ghost, that you can't see.

## **[Verse 2]**

G F  
If I could read your mind love. What a tale your thoughts could tell.

G F  
Just like a paperback novel. The kind that drugstores sell.

G C  
When you reach the part... where the heartaches come...

D Em C G  
The hero would be me... But heroes often fail.

C G  
And you won't read that book again...

Am D G-----G-----  
Because the ending's just too hard to take.

[Verse 3] G-----G-----F-----F-----G-----G-----F-----F-----

G C D Em  
I'd walk away... like a movie star. Who gets burned in a 3-way script.

C G C G Am  
Enter number two... A movie queen to play the scene, of bringing all,

D Em C G  
the good things out in me... But for now love, let's be real.

C G Am D  
I never thought I could act this way, and I've got to say that I just don't

C G Am  
get it. I don't know where we went wrong, but the feelin's gone,

D G-----G-----  
and I just can't get it back.

[Verse 4]

G F  
If you could read my mind love. What a tale my thoughts could tell.

G F  
Just like an old-time movie. 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well.

G C D Em  
In a castle dark... or a fortress strong. With chains upon my feet

C G C G  
But stories always end... And if you read between the lines, you'll

Am D Em C G  
know that I'm just tryin' to understand, the feelin's that you lack

C G Am D  
I never thought I could feel this way, and I've got to say that I just don't

C G Am  
get it. I don't know where we went wrong, but the feelin's gone,

D G {let fade}  
and I just can't get it back.