

# If You Could Read My Mind

Gordon Lightfoot

**Songwriters:** Lightfoot, Gordon;

If you could read my mind love  
What a tale my thoughts could tell  
Just like an old time movie  
About a ghost from a wishin' well  
In a castle 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, you can see

If I could read your mind love  
What a tale your thoughts could tell  
Just like a paperback novel  
The kind the drugstore sells  
When you reach the part where the heartaches  
Come the hero would be me

Heroes often fail  
And you won't read that book again

Because the endings 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 feelings 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

About a ghost from a wishing well

In a castle dark or a fortress strong

With chains upon my feet the story always ends

If you read between the lines

You'll know that I'm just trying to understand

The feeling that you left

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 feelings gone and I just can't get it back

Lyrics provided by <https://www.songarea.com/>