

## If You Could Read My Mind – Gordon Lightfoot

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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 wishin' well

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**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** that you can't **see**

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If I could read your mind love, **what** a tale your thoughts could tell  
**Just** like a paperback novel, **the** kind that drugstores sell

**When** you reach 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**,

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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's** gone, and I **just** can't get it **back**

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**In** a castle **dark** or a **fortress** strong, with **chains** upon my **feet**, but **stories** always **end**  
And **if** you read **between** the lines, you'll **know** that I'm just **tryin'** to **understand**, the **feelin's** that you **lack**,

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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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