

# 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 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.

If I could read your mind, love,  
What a tale your thoughts could tell.  
Just like a paperback novel,  
The kind the drugstores sell.  
When you reached 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;  
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 feeling's gone  
And I just can't get it back.

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What a tale my thoughts could tell.  
Just like an old time movie,  
'Bout a ghost from a wishing well.  
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.  
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!