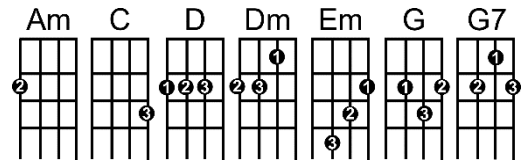


IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND - Gordon Lightfoot 1970

Intro: 2 bars of [G]



1. [G] If you could read my mind love
[Dm] What a tale my thoughts could tell
[G] Just like an old time movie
[Dm] 'bout a ghost from a wishing well.
[G] In a castle [G7] dark or a [C] fortress strong
With [D] chains upon my [Em] feet,
You [C] know that ghost is [G] me, and [C] I will never [G] be set free,
As [Am] long as I'm a [D] ghost that you can't [G] see.
2. [G] If I could read your mind love, [Dm] what a tale your thoughts could tell
[G] Just like a paperback novel, [Dm] - the kind the drugstores sell.
[G] When you reach the [G7] part where the [C] heartaches come,
The [D] hero would be [Em] me, but [C] heroes often [G] fail,
And [C] you won't read that [G] book again
Be [Am] cause the ending's [D] just too hard to [G] take.
- (1st 2 lines of Verse 2)
3. [G] – [Dm] [G] – [Dm]
[G] I'd walk [G7] away like a [C] movie star
Who gets [D] burned in a three way [Em] script,
[C] Enter number [G] two, a [C] movie queen to [G] play the scene
Of [Am] bringing all the [D] good things out in [Em] me,
But for [C] now, love, let's be [G] real.
I [C] never thought I could [G] act this way,
And I've [Am] got to say that I [D] just don't get it,
[C] I don't know where [G] we went wrong,
But the [Am] feeling's gone, and I [D] just can't get it [G] back.
4. [G] If you could read my mind love [Dm] what a tale my thoughts could tell
[G] Just like an old-time movie [Dm] 'bout a ghost from a wishing well.
[G] In a castle [G7] dark or a [C] fortress strong,
With [D] chains upon my [Em] feet, but [C] stories always [G] end,
And [C] if you read bet [G] ween the lines
You'll [Am] know that I'm just [D] trying to under [Em] stand
The [C] feelings that you [G] lack.
I [C] never thought I could [G] feel this way,
And I've [Am] got to say that I [D] just don't get it,
[C] I don't know where [G] we went wrong,
But the [Am] feeling's gone, and I [D] just can't get it [G] back. – [Dm] – [G]