

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free

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B♭ D7/F♯ Gm B♭7/F E♭

wish I knew how it would feel to be free.

B♭ B♭ E♭ B♭/D B♭

— I wish I could break all the chains

F C7 F B♭ D7

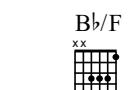
— hold - ing me. I wish I could say

Gm B♭7 E♭ E♭/F B♭ Edim

— all the things — that I should say, say 'em loud, —



say 'em clear,



for the whole round world to hear. —



I wish I could share — all the

E♭ E♭/F B♭ E♭

love _____ that's in my heart. Re - move all the bars _

B♭ F C7 F7

that keep _____ us a - part. ___ I _____

B♭ D7 B♭ Gm7 E♭ E♭/F

— wish — you could know — what it means — to be me, —

B_b Em_{7b5} B_b/F D_{7/F#} G_{m7} Em_{7b5}

— then you'd see _____ and ag - ree _____ that ev - 'ry man __

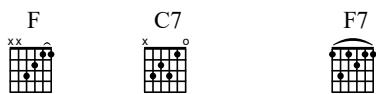
B_b/F E_b/F B_b D₇ G_m B_b⁷

should be free. — I wish I could _ give all I'm

E_b E_b/F B_b E_b B_b

long - in' to give. — I wish __ I ___ could live _____ like I'm

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long - ing ____ to live. __

I wish __ I __ could do __ all __ the



things that I can _ do. __

Though I'm way _____ o-ver - due __

I'd be



start - in' __ a - new. __

Well I __ wish __ I __ could be __ like __ a

bird _____ in the sky. How sweet it would be_

if I found _____ I could fly. Oh I'd soar _____ to the sun_

and_ look down _____ at the sea. Then I'd sing _____ 'cause I know_

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Gm Em7**b5** B**b**/F D7/F**#** Gm Em7**b5** B**b**/F D7/F**#**

— yeah, and I sing —'cause I know, yeah! And I'd sing —'cause I know,

Gm Em7**b5** B**b**/F D7/F**#** Gm Em7**b5**

I know — how it feels, — oh — I know — how it

Repeat ad lib. to fade

B**b**/F D7/F**#** Gm Em7**b5** B**b**/F D7/F**#** Gm Em7**b5**

feels — to be free. Yeah — I know — how it feels, — yes — I

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