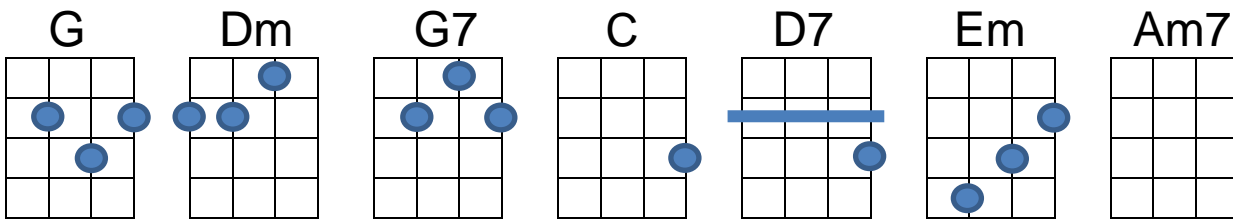


If You Could Read My Mind

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(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 wishin' well,
(G) In a castle (G7) dark, or a (C) fortress strong,
With (D7) chains upon my (Em) feet, you (C) know that ghost is (G) me,
And (C) I will never (G) be set free,
As (Am7) long as I'm a (D7) ghost that you can't (G) see.

(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 that drugstores sell,
(G) When you reach the (G7) part, where the (C) heartaches come,
The (D7) hero would be (Em) me, but (C) heroes often (G) fail,
And (C) you won't read that (G) book again,
Be (Am7) cause the ending's (D7) just too hard to (G) take.

(G) I'd walk a (G7) way, like a (C) movie star,
Who gets (D7) burned in a three way (Em) script, (C) enter number (G) two,
A (C) movie queen to (G) play he scene,
Of (Am7) bringing all the (D7) good things out in (Em) me,
But for (C) now love let's be (G) real,
I (C) never knew I could (G) feel this way,
And I've (Am7) got to say that I (D7) just don't get it,
(C) I don't know where (G) we went wrong but the (Am7) feeling's gone,
And I (D7) just can't get it (G) back.

(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 wishin' well,
(G) In a castle (G7) dark, or a (C) fortress strong,
With (D7) chains upon my (Em) feet, but (C) stories always (G) end,
And (C) if you read be (G) tween the lines,
You'll (Am7) know that I'm just (D7) tryin' to under (Em) stand,
The (C) feelings that you (G) lack,
I (C) never knew I could (G) feel this way,
And I've (Am7) got to say that I (D7) just don't get it,
(C) I don't know where (G) we went wrong, but the (Am7) feeling's gone,
And I (D7) just can't get it (G) back.