

# If You Could Read My Mind Chords by Gordon Lightfoot



Gordon Lightfoot - If You Could Read My Mind

Tabbed By Ken Boldt with much help from other tab sites

This is just the chords for those of you who just want to strum along like I do and don't care so much for picking out the individual notes

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Chords:

- G 320003
- F X33211
- C X32010
- D X00230 or X00232 (play with it for variety)
- Em 022000
- G/B X20003
- Am7 X02010

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A couple of notes:

- 1) in order to be in the correct key, capo on the 2nd fret.
- 2) Use the first string (high E) seldomly. Gordon plays this song entirely picking and rarely picks the first string.

[Intro]

(Repeat Twice) Also play between verses

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  G
e|-----|
B|-----|
G|----0---0---2---2---2-4-0-|
D|---0---0---0---0---0-----|
A|-----|
E|-3---3-----3---3-----|
x2
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[Verse 1]

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G
  If you could read my mind love
F
  What a tale my thoughts could
tell
G
  Just like an old time movie
F
  'bout a ghost from a wishin' well
G          G7      C
  In a castle dark or a fortress
strong
          D          Em
With chains upon my feet
          C          G
You know that ghost is me
          C          G/B
And I will never be set free
          Am7        D
As long as I'm a ghost that you
          G
can't see
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[Instrumental]

G

[Verse 2]

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G
  If I could read your mind love
F
  What a tale your thoughts could
tell
G
  Just like a paperback novel
F
  The kind that drugstores sell
G          G7
  When you reach the part where the
          C
heartaches come
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**D** **Em**  
The hero would be me  
**C** **G**  
But heroes often fail  
**C** **G/B**  
And you won't read that book again  
**Am7** **D**  
Because the ending's just too hard  
**G**  
to take

[Instrumental]

**G F G F**

[Verse 3]

**G** **G7** **C**  
I'd walk away like a movie star  
**D**  
Who gets burned in a three way  
**Em**  
script  
**C** **G**  
Enter number two  
**C** **G/B**  
A movie queen to play the scene  
**Am7** **D**  
Of bringing all the good things out  
**Em**  
in me  
**C** **G**  
But for now love, let's be real  
**C** **G/B**  
\* I never thought I could act this  
way \*  
**Am7** **D**  
And I've got to say that I just  
don't get it  
**C** **G/B**  
I don't know where we went wrong  
**Am7**  
But the feelin's gone  
**D** **G**  
And I just can't get it back

[Instrumental]

**G**

[Verse 4]

**G**  
If you could read my mind love  
**F**  
What a tale my thoughts could  
tell  
**G**  
Just like an old time movie  
**F**  
'bout a ghost from a wishin' well  
**G** **G7** **C**  
In a castle dark or a fortress  
strong  
**D** **Em**  
With chains upon my feet  
**C** **G**  
But stories always end  
**C** **G/B**  
And if you read between the lines  
**Am7** **D**  
You'll know that I'm just tryin' to  
**Em**  
understand  
**C** **G**  
The feelin's that you lack  
**C** **G/B**  
I never thought I could feel this  
way  
**Am7** **D**  
And I've got to say that I just  
don't get it  
**C** **G/B**  
I don't know where we went wrong  
**Am7**  
But the feelin's gone  
**D** **G**  
And I just can't get it back

[Outro]

**F G**