

I WISH I KNEW HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO BE FREE

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INTRO: verse (piano & snaps)

VERSE 1:

C E Am7 Am7/G F F7/G C C/G
I wish I knew how it would feel to be free
C F C D7/F# G G7
I wish I could break all the chains holding me
C E7 Am7 Am7/G F F7/G C C/G
I wish I could say all the things that I should like to say
C E7 Am Dm7 C Gsus4 C G
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear, for the whole round world to hear

VERSE 2:

I wish I could share all the love that's in my heart
Remove all the parts that keep us apart
I wish you could know what it means to be me
Then you'd see and a-gree that every man should be free

VERSE 3:

I wish I could give all I'm longin' to give
I wish I could live like I'm longin' to live
I wish I could do all the things that I can do
Though I'm way over due I'd be startin' a-new

VERSE 4:

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly
I'd soar to the song and look down at the scene
C E7 Am
Then I'd sing 'cos I know, yeah
C E7 Am
Then I'd sing 'cos I know, yeah
C E7 Am
Then I'd sing 'cos I know,
C E7 Am
I'd know how it feels I'd know how it feels...