If You Could Read My Mind

Words & Music by Gordon Lightfoot

Medium rock tempo

*Guitar — G
(Capo up
2 frets)
Keyboards — A

* Play thumb and finger style.
Medium Latin feeling as in a beguine.

1. 3. If you could read my mind, love, what a tale my thoughts could tell.

2. If I could read your mind, love, what a tale your thoughts could tell.

Just like an old time mov-ie, 'bout a ghost from a wish-ing well.

Just like a pa-per-back nov-el, the kind the drug stores sell.

In a cas-tle dark or a for-tress strong,__ with chains up-on my
Then you reached the dark part where the heart-aches come,__ the he-ro would be

feet. You know that ghost is me. And I will nev-er
me. But he-ros of-ten fail, and you won't read that

be set free as long as I'm a ghost that you can't see.
book a-gain be-cause the end-ing's just too hard to take.

Chords: G, Gadd9, C / D, D / E
Em / F#m, C / D, G / A, C / D
G/B / A/C#, A7sus4 / B7sus4, D / E, G / A, Gadd9

I'd walk a - way_____ like a mov - ie star___ who gets

burned in a three-way script. En - ter num - ber two: a

Lyrics:

mov-ie queen to play the scene of bring-ing all the good things out of

me. But for now, love, let's be real; I nev-er thought I could

feel this way and I've got to say that I just don't get it.

I don't know where we went wrong,__ but the feel-in's gone__ and I just can't get it back.

D.S. al Coda

✠ Coda

feet. But sto-ries al-ways end, and if you read be-

-tween the lines, you'd know that I'm just tryin' to un-der-stand the

feel - in's that you lack. I nev - er thought___ I could

feel this way_ and I've got to say_ that I just don't get it. I don't know where

we went wrong,_ but the feel-in's gone_ and I just can't get it back!_

molto rall.