

# I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

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I wish I knew how  
It would feel to be free  
I wish I could break  
All the chains holdin' me  
I wish I could say  
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 love that's in my heart  
Remove all the thoughts  
That keep us apart  
I wish you could know  
What it means to be me  
Then you'd see and agree  
That every man should be free  
I wish I could give  
All I'm longin' to give  
I wish I could live  
Like I'm longing to live  
I wish I could do  
All the things that I can do  
And though I'm way over due  
I'd be startin' 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  
I'd soar up to the sun  
And look down at the sea  
And I'd sing 'cause I know yeah  
And I'd sing 'cause I know yeah  
And I'd sing 'cause I know  
I'd know how it feels  
I'd know how it feels to be free, yeah-yeah  
I-I'd know how it feels  
Yes, I'd know  
I'd know how it feels, how it feels  
To be free, no no no

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