If You Could Read My Mind
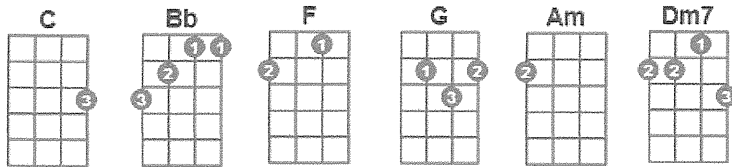
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Intro: Strum [C] 4 bars

[C] If you could read my mind love, [Bb] what a tale my thoughts could tell
[C] Just like an old time movie, [Bb] about a ghost from a wishing well
[C] In a castle dark or a [F] fortress strong
With [G] chains upon my [Am] feet - you [F] know that ghost is [C] me
And [F] I will never [C] be set free
As [Dm7] long as I'm a [G] ghost that you can't [C] see

[C] If I could read your mind love, [Bb] what a tale your thoughts could tell
[C] Just like a paperback novel, the [Bb] kind that drugstores sell
[C] When you reach the part [F] where the heartaches come
The [G] hero would be [Am] me but [F] heroes often [C] fail
And [F] you won't read that [C] book again
[Dm7] because the ending's [G] just too hard to [C] take

Instrumental: [C] If you could read my mind love, [Bb] what a tale my thoughts could tell
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[C] I'd walk away like a [F] movie star,
who gets [G] burned in a three way [Am] script
[F] Enter number [C] two: a [F] movie queen to [C] play the scene
Of [Dm7] bringing all the [G] good things out in [C] me,
[F] but for now love, let's be [C] real
I [F] never thought I could [C] act this way,
and I've [Dm7] got to say that I [G] just don't get it
[F] I don't know where [C] we went wrong,
But the [Dm7] feeling's gone and I [G] just can't get it [C] back

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[C] In a castle dark or a [F] fortress strong with [G] chains upon my [Am] feet
But [F] stories always [C] end. And [F] if you read be[C]tween the lines
You'll [Dm7] know that I'm just [G] trying to under[C]stand
the [F] feelings that you [C] lack

I [F] never thought I could [C] feel this way,
and I've [Dm7] got to say that I [G] just don't get it
[F] I don't know where [C] we went wrong [Dm7] but the feeling's gone
And I [G] just can't get it [C] back