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## I wish I knew how it would feel to be free

Music: Billy Taylor  
 Words: Dick Dallas  
 arr. Pete Churchill

Freely

S.  
A.

T.  
B.

Freely

Piano

*mf*

Bdim7 F/C Cdim7 Dm G7sus4 G7 F/C Cdim7

a tempo ♩ = 100

4

*mf*

1. I wish I knew how it would  
 (3.) wish I could live like I'm

*mf*

a tempo ♩ = 100

Bb/C F Edim7 Dm F7/A

*mf*

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feel to be free. — I wish I could break — all the  
 long - ing to live. — I wish I could give — like I'm

Bb7 Bb/C F Bb/C F C/E F

12

chains hold-ing me. — I wish I could say —  
 long - ing to give. — I wish I could do —

C/G G7 C7sus4 Bb/C F Edim7

15

— all the things that I should say. — Say 'em loud,  
 — all the things that I could do. — Though I'm way —

Dm F7/A Bb7 Bb/C Dm7 Bdim7

say 'em clear — for the whole darn world to hear.  
o - ver - due — I'd be start - ing a - new.

F/C C#dim7 Dm G7 Bb/C *second time to Coda* ⊕

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Lead (opt.)  
2. I wish I could share — all the

S.  
A.  
2. Wish I could share the

T.  
2. Wish I could share the

B.  
2. I wish I could share — all the

F Bb/C F Edim7 Dm F/A

love that's in my heart. Re - move all the bars

love\_ that's in my heart. Move

love\_ that's in my heart. Move

love that's in my heart. Re - move all the bars

Bb13 C7sus4 F Bb/C F Bb

that\_ keep us a - part. And I

all of the bars\_ keep, that keep us a - part.\_

all of the bars\_ keep, that keep us a - part.\_

that\_ keep us a - part. And I

F C/E F C/G G7 C7sus4

wish you could know\_ what it means to be me..

Wish you could know what it means to be me..

Wish you could know what it means to be me..

wish you could know\_ what it means to be me..

F Edim7 Dm F/A Bb13 C7sus4

ead (pt.)

Then you'd see\_ and a - gree\_ that

S. A.

Then you'd see\_ and a - gree\_ that

T. B.

and a - gree\_

Dm7 Bdim7 F/C C#dim7 Dm7 G7

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ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. —

ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. — *mp*

3. I

Gm7 Bb/C F Bb/C

*mp*

⊕ CODA

38

— 4. I, yi yi yi yi yi yi

⊕ CODA

F Cb/Db

39

wish I could be — like a bird in the sky. — How

*f*

Gb Fdim7 Ebm Gb7/Bb Cb7 Cb/Db Gb Cb/Db

*f*

43

sweet it would be — if I found I could fly. — I'd

G $\flat$  D $\flat$ /F G $\flat$  D $\flat$ /A $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$ 7sus4 C $\flat$ /D $\flat$

47

soar to the sun — and look down at the sea. —

G $\flat$  Fdim7 E $\flat$ m G $\flat$ 7/B $\flat$  C $\flat$ 7 C $\flat$ /D $\flat$

51

**Faster** *mp* *mp-f*  
Then I'd sing — 'cause I'd know, — then I'd

**Faster** *mp* *mp-f*  
Cdim7 G $\flat$ /D $\flat$  Ddim7 E $\flat$ m7 Cdim7

*cresc. throughout*

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sing 'cause I'd know, then I'd sing— 'cause I'd know, sing—

Chords: Gb/Db, Ddim7, Ebm, Cdim7, Gb/Db, Ddim7, Ebm, Gb/Db

58

'cause I'd know, — then I'd sing — 'cause I'd know

Chords: Ddim7, Ebm7, Cdim7, Gb/Db, Ddim7

59b

how it feels — to be free.

Chords: Ebm7, Ab7, Cb/Db, Gb, Cb7, Gb

Performance instructions: slower, ff, as directed