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I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free

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Words by Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas
Music by Billy Taylor

♩ = 120

F11 B♭ D7/F# Gm B♭7/F E♭ E♭/F B♭

E♭ B♭/D B♭6 F/A B♭ F/C C7 F7

B♭ D7 Gm B♭7/F E♭ E♭/F B♭ Edim

B♭/F D7/F# Gm Edim B♭/F F7sus4 B♭

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wish I knew how it would feel to be free.

I wish I could break all the chains

hold - ing me. I wish I could say

Gm Bb7 Eb Eb/F Bb Edim

all the things that I should say, say 'em loud,

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the piece. The guitar part is shown above the vocal line with chords: Gm, Bb7, Eb, Eb/F, Bb, and Edim. The piano accompaniment is shown below the vocal line. The lyrics are: "all the things that I should say, say 'em loud,".

Bb/F D7/F# Gm Bb/F Eb/F

say 'em clear, for the whole round world to hear.

Detailed description: This system contains the next six measures. The guitar part has chords: Bb/F, D7/F#, Gm, Bb/F, and Eb/F. The piano accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: "say 'em clear, for the whole round world to hear,".

Bb D7 Gm

I wish I could share all the

Detailed description: This system contains the final three measures. The guitar part has chords: Bb, D7, and Gm. The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking 'f' (forte) in the second measure. The lyrics are: "I wish I could share all the".

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

_____ that keep _____ us a - part. _____ I _____

_____ wish _____ you could know _____ what it means _____ to be me, _

then you'd see _____ and ag - ree _____ that ev - 'ry man _

should be free. _ I wish I could _ give all I'm

long - in' to give. _ I wish _ I _ could live _____ like I'm

F C7 F7 Bb D7/F# Gm Bb7/F

long - ing _____ to live. _ I wish _ I _____ could do _____ all _ the

Eb Eb/F Bb Edim Bb/F D7/F# Gm Em7b5

things that I can _ do. _ Though I'm way _____ o-ver - due _ I'd be

Bb/F Eb/F Bb D7 Gm Bb7

start - in' _ 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. _____ Oh I'd soar _____ to the sun _

gva-----

_____ and _ look down _____ at the sea. Then I'd sing _____ 'cause I know _

Gm Em7b5 Bb/F D7/F# Gm Em7b5 Bb/F D7/F#

— yeah, and I sing ___'cause I know, yeah! And I'd sing ___'cause I know,

Gm Em7b5 Bb/F D7/F# Gm Em7b5

I know ___ how it feels, _ oh ___ I know _ how it

Repeat ad lib. to fade

Bb/F D7/F# Gm Em7b5 Bb/F D7/F# Gm Em7b5

feels ___ to be free. Yeah _ I know ___ how it feels, _ yes _ I