

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 holding 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 bars
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 longin' to live.

I wish I could do
All the things that I can do.
Though I'm way overdue
I'd be starting anew.

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 to the sun
And look down at the sea.
And I'd sing 'cause I'd know
And I'd sing 'cause I'd know
And I'd sing 'cause I'd know
I'd know how it feels
I'd know how it feels to be free.