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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 C#dim7 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*

8

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

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

12

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

second time to Coda ⊕

18

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

second time to Coda ⊕

F/C C#dim7 Dm G7 Bb/C

21

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

24

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

27

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

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wish you could know — what it means to be me..

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F Edim7 Dm F/A Bb13 C7sus4

Lead (opt.) — 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

⊕ CODA

38

ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. —

ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. — 3. I

— 4. I, yi yi yi yi yi

⊕ CODA

F Cb/Db

36

ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. —

ev-'ry-bo-dy should be free. — 3. I

Gm7 Bb/C F Bb/C

39

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

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

43

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

G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/F G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7 D<sup>b</sup>7sus4 C<sup>b</sup>/D<sup>b</sup>

47

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

G<sup>b</sup> Fdim7 E<sup>b</sup>m G<sup>b</sup>7/B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>b</sup>7 C<sup>b</sup>/D<sup>b</sup>

51

**Faster** *mp* *mp-f*

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

**Faster** *mp* *mp-f*

Cdim7 G<sup>b</sup>/D<sup>b</sup> Ddim7 E<sup>b</sup>m7 Cdim7

*cresc. throughout*

54

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

1.2.3. 'cause I'd know, then I'd sing 'cause I'd know

4. 'cause I'd know

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

59b

slower *ff* how it feels to be free.

as directed

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