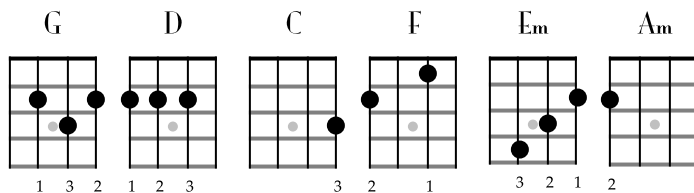


If You Could Read My Mind

Gordon Lightfoot
Sit Down Young Stranger (1970)
Capo II



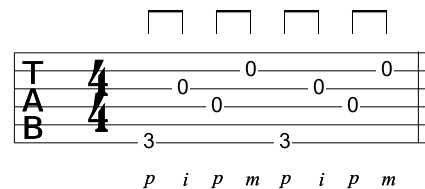
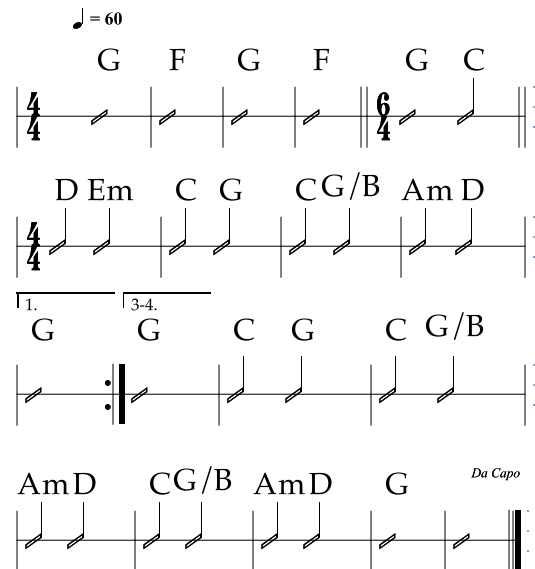
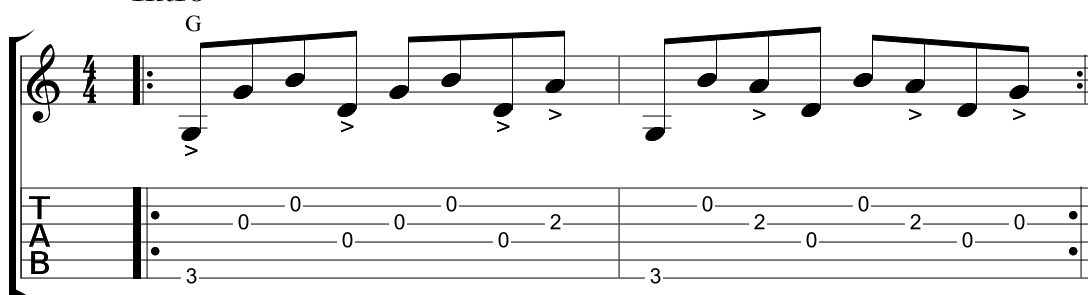
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If you could read my mind love
F
What a tale my thoughts could tell
G
Just like an old time movie
F
'bout a ghost from a wishin' well

G C
In a castle dark or a fortress strong
D Em
With chains upon my feet
C G
You know that ghost is me
C G/B
And I will never be set free
Am D G
As long as I'm a ghost that you can't see

G
If I could read your mind love
F
What a tale your thoughts could tell
G
Just like a paperback novel
F
The kind that drugstores sell

G C
When you reach the part where the heartaches come
D Em
The hero would be me
C G
But heroes often fail
C G/B
And you won't read that book again
Am D G F G F
Because the ending's just too hard to take

Intro



If You Could Read My Mind

G C
 I'd walk away like a movie star
 D Em
 Who gets burned in a three way script
 C G
 Enter number two
 C G/B
 A movie queen to play the scene
 Am D G
 Of bringing all the good things out in me

 C G
 But for now love, let's be real
 C G/B
 I never thought I could act this way
 Am D
 And I've got to say that I just don't get it
 C G/B
 I don't know where we went wrong
 Am D G
 But the feelin's gone and I just can't get it back

 G
 If you could read my mind love
 F
 What a tale my thoughts could tell
 G
 Just like an old time movie
 F
 'bout a ghost from a wishin' well

 G C
 In a castle dark or a fortress strong
 D Em
 With chains upon my feet
 C G
 But stories always end
 C G/B
 And if you read between the lines
 Am D G
 You'll know that I'm just tryin' to understand

 C G
 The feelin's that you lack
 C G/B
 I never thought I could feel this way
 Am D
 And I've got to say that I just don't get it
 C G/B
 I don't know where we went wrong
 Am D G F G
 But the feelin's gone and I just can't get it back

