

I WISH I KNEW HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO BE FREE

(3-part version)

Billy Taylor, arranged by Dave King

Lyrics by Nina Simone

Steady Groove ♩ = 90

1. *f* I wish I knew how ___ it would feel ___ to be free ___ I

2. *f* I wish I knew how ___ it would feel ___ to be free ___ I

3. *f* I wish I knew how ___ it would feel ___ to be free ___ I

5 wish I could break ___ all the chains holding me ___ I wish I could say ___ all the things

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2. 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

3. 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
And though I'm way over due
I'd be starting anew

4. (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
And look down at the sea
Than I'd sing 'cos I know
How it feels to be free

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Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

f I wish I knew how — it would feel — to be free — I

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— that I should say — Say 'em loud — say 'em clear — for the whole round world to hear — (I