

# Bill Monroe, I Wish You Knew

I Wish I knew How it Would Feel to be Free  
(As sung by Nina Simone)

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 longing to give  
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live  
I wish that 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  
Oh I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea  
and I'd sing cos I'd know that  
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and I'd sing cos I'd know that  
I'd know how it feels to be free  
I'd know how it feels to be free  
I'd know how it feels to be free