

# I Wish That I Knew How It'd Feel to Be Free

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Soli

Soprano Alto

Tenor

Bass-Baritone

Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, you can' help me to cross, Oh,

3

S

S  
A

T

Bs.-Bar.

Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, you can' help me to cross, oh,

5

S Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, \_\_\_\_\_ you can' help me \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, Lord, I got \_\_\_\_\_

S A Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, \_\_\_\_\_ you can' help me \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, Lord, I got \_\_\_\_\_

T Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, \_\_\_\_\_ you can' help me \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, Lord, I got \_\_\_\_\_

Bs.-Bar. Jer - dan(n) Ri - vuh, \_\_\_\_\_ you can' help me \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, Lord, I got \_\_\_\_\_

7

S one mo' \_\_\_\_\_ ri - vuh \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, one mo' to cross. Yes, I

S A one mo' \_\_\_\_\_ ri - vuh \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, one mo' to cross.

T one mo' \_\_\_\_\_ ri - vuh \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, one mo' to cross.

Bs.-Bar. one \_\_\_\_\_ mo' ri - vuh \_\_\_\_\_ to cross, one mo' to cross.

*moderato* ♩ = 86

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S  
wish I knew how \_\_\_\_\_ it would feel \_\_\_\_\_ to be free.  
wish I could share \_\_\_\_\_ all the love \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart,

*mp*

S  
Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

A  
Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

T  
Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

Bs.-Bar.  
Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

*mp*

8

3

13

S  
\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ wish \_\_\_\_\_ I could break \_\_\_\_\_ all the chains  
re - move \_\_\_\_\_ all the bars \_\_\_\_\_ bars that keep \_\_\_\_\_

S  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew,

A  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew,

T  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew,

Bs.-Bar.  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew,

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S  
\_\_\_\_\_ a hold - in' me. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ wish I \_\_\_\_\_ wish I could say \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ a - part, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ wish you could know

S  
A  
oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8  
oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_

Bs.-Bar.  
oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_

19

S  
\_\_\_\_\_ all the things \_\_\_\_\_ I should say, \_\_\_\_\_ say them  
\_\_\_\_\_ what it means \_\_\_\_\_ to be me, \_\_\_\_\_ then you'd

S  
A  
wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8  
wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

Bs.-Bar.  
wish that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

3

22

S loud, see say them clear that for the whole wide world to hear. and a - gree ev - ry man should be free.

S A so loud, you'll see, so clear, a - gree whole wide world to hear. man should be free.

T so loud, you'll see, so clear, a - gree whole wide world to hear. man should be free.

Bs.-Bar. so loud, you'll see, so loud, a - gree whole wide world to hear. man should be free.

25

S 1st end. 2nd end. I I wish I could give all I'm long-in' to give, 3

S A Oh, 3 3 2nd end. I wish I could give all I'm long-in' to give, 3

T Oh, 3 3 2nd end. I wish I could give all I'm long-in' to give, 3

Bs.-Bar. 1st end. 2nd end. oh, I I wish I could give all I'm long-in' to give, 3

29

S  
wish I could live like I'm long-in' to live; wish I could do all the things I can do...

S  
A  
wish I could live like I'm long-in' to live; wish I could do all the things I can do...

T  
wish I could live like I'm long in' to live; wish I could do all the things I can do...

Bs.-Bar.  
wish I could live like I'm long in' to live; wish I could do all the things I can do...

33

S  
though I'm o - ver due, I'm start - in' a - new. I

S  
A  
yes, start a - new.

T  
yes, start a - new.

Bs.-Bar.  
oh, yes, start a - new.

36

S  
wish I could be \_\_\_\_\_ like a bird \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky;

S  
A  
Wish that I knew, wish, wish \_\_\_\_\_ that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

T  
8  
Wish that I knew, wish, wish \_\_\_\_\_ that I knew, \_\_\_\_\_ how it feels

Bs.-Bar.  
Wish that I knew, wish, wish \_\_\_\_\_ that I knew how it feels

39

S  
\_\_\_\_\_ how \_\_\_\_\_ sweet it would be \_\_\_\_\_ if I found

S  
A  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, wish that I knew,

T  
8  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, wish that I knew,

Bs.-Bar.  
to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ Wish that I knew, wish that I knew,

42

S — I — could fly. — I would soar to the sun

S  
A oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, — wish that I knew,

T oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, — wish that I knew,

Bs.-Bar. oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, — wish that I knew,

45

S — and look down — at the sea — and I'd

S  
A wish that I knew, — how it feels to be free. —

T wish that I knew, — how it feels to be free. —

Bs.-Bar. wish that I knew, (how it feels to be free. —

The image shows a musical score for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass-Baritone (Bs.-Bar.). The score is divided into two systems, starting at measure 42 and 45. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The Soprano part has lyrics: 'I — could fly. — I would soar to the sun'. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass-Baritone parts have lyrics: 'oh, Lord, yes, my Lord, — wish that I knew,'. The second system starts at measure 45. The Soprano part has lyrics: '— and look down — at the sea — and I'd'. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass-Baritone parts have lyrics: 'wish that I knew, — how it feels to be free. —'. The Bass-Baritone part includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 48, indicated by a '3' above the notes.



48

S  
sing \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause I'd know \_\_\_\_\_ how it \_\_\_\_\_ feels \_\_\_\_\_ to be free, \_\_\_\_\_ then I'd

S  
A  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels wide to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels \_\_\_\_\_ to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

Bs.-Bar.  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

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*freely* *rit.*

S  
sing \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause I'd know \_\_\_\_\_ how it \_\_\_\_\_ feels \_\_\_\_\_ to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

S  
A  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels wide to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
*rit.*  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels \_\_\_\_\_ to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

Bs.-Bar.  
I'd sing \_\_\_\_\_ and know how it feels to be free. \_\_\_\_\_