

# Bird on the Wire

## Leonard Cohen

Like a bird on the wire  
Like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be free  
Like a worm on a hook  
Like a knight from some old fashioned book  
I have saved all my ribbons for thee  
If I, if I have been unkind  
I hope that you can just let it go by  
If I, if I have been untrue  
I hope you know it was never to you  
Oh, like a baby, stillborn  
Like a beast with his horn  
I have torn everyone who reached out for me  
But I swear by this song  
And by all that I have done wrong  
I will make it all up to thee  
I saw a beggar leaning on his wooden crutch  
He said to me, "You must not ask for so much"  
And a pretty woman leaning in her darkened door  
She cried to me, "Hey, why not ask for more?"  
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