

# Bird On the Wire

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[Originally by 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.  
    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?"  
    Oh like a bird on the wire,  
    like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be free.

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