

# Bird on a Wire

[Johnny Cash](#)

Like a bird on a wire  
Like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be freeLike a fish on a hook  
Like a knight in some old fashioned book  
I have saved all my ribbons for theeAnd if I, if I have been unkind  
I just hope you will let it go by  
And if I, if I have been untrue  
I hope you know it was never to youLike a baby stillborn  
Like a beast with his horn  
I have torn everyone who reached out to meBut I swear by this song  
And by all that I have done wrong  
I'll make it all up to theeI saw a young man leaning on his wooden crutch  
He called out to me, "Don't ask for so much"  
And a young woman leaning in her darkened door  
She cried out to me, "Why not ask for more"Like a bird on a wire  
Like a drunk in a midnight choir  
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