

# BIRD ON THE WIRE

*Leonard Cohen*

Intro: A A A A

A E A D  
Like a bird on the wire, like a drunk in a midnight choir

A E Asus4 A  
I have tried in my way to be free

A E A D  
Like a worm on a hook, like a knight from some old-fashioned book

A E Asus4 A  
I have saved all my ribbons for thee

D A  
If I, if I have been unkind

Bm A  
I hope that you can just let it go by

D A  
If I, if I have been untrue,

Bm E  
I hope you know it was never to you.

A E A D  
Like a baby stillborn, like a beast with his horn  
A E Asus4 A  
I have torn everyone who reached out for me.

A E A D  
But I swear by this song and by all that I have done wrong

A E Asus4 A  
I will make it all up to thee.

D A  
I saw a beggar leaning on his wooden crutch

Bm A  
He said to me, "You must not ask for so much."

D A  
And a pretty woman leaning in her darkened door,

Bm E  
She cried to me, "Hey, why not ask for more?"

A E A D  
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A E D A  
I have tried in my way to be free