

Bird On The Wire

Leonard Cohen

A **E**
Like a bird on the wire

A **D** **A** **E**
A
Like a drunk in a midnight choir I have tried in my way to be free

A **E**
Like a worm on a hook
A

D **A**
E **A**
Like a knight from some old-fashioned book I have saved all my ribbons for thee

D **A**
If I, if I have been unkind
Bmi **A**
I hope that you can just let it go by

D **A**
If I, if I have been untrue
Bmi **E Esus4 E**
I hope you know it was never to you

A **E**
Like a baby stillborn
A **D** **A** **E**

A
Like a beast with his horn I have torn everyone who reached out for me

A **E**
But I swear by this song

A **D** **A** **E** **A**
And by all that I have done wrong I will make it all up to thee

D **A**
I saw a beggar leaning on his wooden crutch

Bmi **A**
He said to me, "You must not ask for so much"

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

Bmi **E Esus4 E**
She cried to me, "Hey why not ask for more?"

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A **D** **A** **E**
D4 D A
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