

**Bird On a Wire**  
**Johnny Cash**

INTRO: **F**

**F** **C** **F** **Bb**  
Like a bird, on a wire, like a drunk in a midnight choir.

**F** **C** **Fsus4** **F**  
I have tried in my ways to be free.

**F** **C** **F**  
Like a fish, on a hook, like a knight in some old fashioned  
**Bb**

book.  
**F** **C** **Fsus4** **F**  
I have saved all my ribbons for thee.

**Bb** **F**  
And if I, if I have been unkind.

**Gm** **F**  
I just hope you, will let it go by.

**Bb** **F**  
And if I, if I have been untrue.

**Gm** **C**  
I just hope you know, it was never to you.

**F** **C** **F** **Bb**  
Like a baby, stillborn, like a beast with his horn.

**F** **C** **Fsus4** **F**  
I have torn everyone who reached out to me.

**F** **C** **F** **Bb**  
But I swear, by this song, and by all that I have done wrong.

**F** **C** **Fsus4** **F**  
I ll make it all up to thee.

**Bb** **F**  
I saw a young man, leaning on his wooden crutch.

**Gm** **F**  
He called out to me, don t ask for so much.

**Bb** **F**  
And a young woman, leaning in her darkened door.

**Gm** **C**  
She cried out to me, hey why not ask for more.

**F** **C** **F** **Bb**  
Like a bird, on a wire, like a drunk in a midnight choir.  
**F** **C** **Bb** **F**

I have tried in my ways to be free.