

Bird On The Wire
Leonard Cohen

Bird on the Wire by Leonard Cohen
(from the CD Songs from a Room)

[Verse 1]

[tab] **A** **E** **A** **D**
Like a bird on the wire, like a drunk in a midnight choir[/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **Asus4** **A**
I have tried in my way to be free[/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **D**
Like a worm on a hook, like a knight from some old-fashioned book[/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **Asus4** **A**
I have saved all my ribbons for thee[/tab]
[tab] **D** **A**
If I, if I have been unkind[/tab]
[tab] **Bm** **A**
I hope that you can just let it go by[/tab]
[tab] **D** **A**
If I, if I have been untrue, [/tab]
[tab] **Bm** **E** **Esus4** **E**
I hope you know it was never to you. [/tab]

[Verse 2]

[tab] **A** **E** **A** **D**
Like a baby stillborn, like a beast with his horn[/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **Asus4** **A**
I have torn everyone who reached out for me. [/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **D**
But I swear by this song and by all that I have done wrong[/tab]
[tab] **A** **E** **A** **Asus4** **A**
I will make it all up to thee. [/tab]
[tab] **D** **A**
I saw a beggar leaning on his wooden crutch[/tab]
[tab] **Bm** **A**
He said to me, "You must not ask for so much."[/tab]
[tab] **D** **A**
And a pretty woman leaning in her darkened door, [/tab]
[tab] **Bm** **E** **Esus4** **E**
She cried to me, "Hey, why not ask for more?"[/tab]

[Outro]

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