

**The Bantam Cock**  
**The Corries**

[Verse]

**Am**  
He was a fine upstanding bantam cock,  
**Am**  
So brisk and stiff and spry,  
**G F Em**  
With springy step and jaunty plume  
**E Am**  
And a purposeful look in his eye,  
**E Am**  
In his little black laughing eye,

[Verse]

**Am**  
I took him to the coop and introduced him  
**Am**  
To my seventeen wide-eyed hens.  
**G F Em**  
He tupp and he tupp as a hero tups  
**E Am**  
And he bowed to them all, and then  
**E Am**  
He upped and he tupp em all again, he did.

[Verse]

**Am**  
And then upon the peace of me ducks and me geese  
**Am**  
He boldly did intrude.  
**G F Em**  
With glazed eyes and open mouths  
**E Am**  
They bore it all with fortitude  
**E Am**  
And a little bit of gratitude, they did.

[Verse]

**Am**  
He jumped my giggling guinea fowl  
**Am**  
He thrust his attentions upon  
**G F Em**  
My twenty hysterical turkeys and  
**E Am**  
A visiting migrant swan.  
**E Am**

But the bantam thundered on, he did.

[Verse]

**Am**

He groped me fan-tailed pigeons and

**Am**

Me lily-white columbine,

**G** **F** **Em**

And as I was locking up the budgerigar

**E** **Am**

He jumped my parrot from behind;

**E** **Am**

Who was sitting on me shoulder at the time.

[Verse]

**Am**

But all of a sudden with a gasp and a gulp

**Am**

He clapped his hands to his head,

**G** **F** **Em**

Fell flat on his back with his feet in the air.

**E** **Am**

My bantam cock lay dead

**E** **Am**

And the vultures circled overhead.

[Verse]

**Am**

What a noble beast; what a champion cock;

**Am**

What a way to live and to die.

**G** **F** **Em**

I was diggin him a grave to protect his bones

**E** **Am**

From the hungry buzzards in the sky

**E** **Am**

When the bantam opened up a sly little eye.

[Verse]

**Am**

He gave me a wink and a terrible grin

**Am**

The way that rapists do.

**G** **F** **Em**

He said, You see them silly daft buggers up there?

**E** **Am**

They ll be down in a minute or two;

**E** **Am**

They ll be down in a minute or two.