

**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.