

# **BIRD ON A WIRE**

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## **Verse 1**

Like a bird on a wire      Like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be free  
Like a worm on a hook      Like a knight from some old-fashioned book  
I have saved all my ribbons for thee

## **Chorus 1**

Oh if I, if I have been unkind      I hope that you can just let it go by  
And, if I, if I have been untrue      I hope you know it was never to you

## **Verse 2**

Like a baby stillborn      Like a beast with his horn  
I have torn everyone who reached out for me  
But I swear by this song and by all that I have done wrong  
I will make it all up to thee

## **Chorus 2**

I saw a beggar leaning      On his wooden crutch  
He said to me, "You must not ask for so much"  
And a pretty woman leaning      In her darkened door  
She cried to me, "Hey, why not ask for more"

## **Verse 3**

Like a bird on a wire      Like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be free

**Outro**    A      E      A      D

