

Bird on the Wire - Leonard Cohen (3/4)

Verses:

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1. Like a bird on the wire like a  
 2. Like a worm on a hook like a  
 3. Like a baby still born like a  
 4. But I swear by this song and by

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1. drunk in a midnight choir I have  
 2. knight from some old fashioned book I have  
 3. beast with his horn I have  
 4. all that I have done wrong I will

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1. tried in my way to be  
 2. saved all my ribbons for  
 3. torn everyone who reached out for  
 4. make it all up to

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1. free. . . . . to verse 2  
 2. thee. . . . . to bridge 1  
 3. me. . . . . to verse 4  
 4. thee. . . . . to bridge 2

Bridge 1 & 2:

D

e	-2-----	-2-----	-2-----	-2-----
B	-----3--3--	-----3--3--	-----3--3--	-----3--3--
G	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-
D	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---
A	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

1. If I, if I have been  
 2. I saw a beggar leaning on his wooden

A

e	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-
D	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-
A	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

1. unkind  
 2. crutch

Bm

e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-3-----	-3-----	-3-----	-3-----
G	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-
D	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-	---4---4---4-
A	-2-----2---	-2-----2---	-2-----2---	-2-----2---
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

1. I hope that you can just let it go  
 2. He said to me "You must not ask for so

A

e	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---
B	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-
G	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-	---2---2---2-
D	-----	-----	-----	-----
A	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---	-0-----0---
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

1. by  
 2. much"

D

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e|-2-----2-----| -2-----2-----| -2-----2-----| -2-----2-----|
B|-----3---3---| -----3---3---| -----3---3---| -----3---3---|
G|---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-|
D|-0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---|
A|-----| -----| -----| -----|
E|-----| -----| -----| -----|
1. If I, if I have been
2. And a pretty woman leaning in her darkened

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e|-0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---|
B|-----| -----| -----| -----|
G|---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-|
D|---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-|
A|-0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---| -0-----0---|
E|-----| -----| -----| -----|
1. untrue
2. door

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Bm

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e|-----| -----| -----| -----|
B|-3-----| -3-----| -3-----| -3-----|
G|---4---4---| ---4---4---| ---4---4---| ---4---4---|
D|---4---4---4-| ---4---4---4-| ---4---4---4-| ---4---4---4-|
A|-2-----2---| -2-----2---| -2-----2---| -2-----2---|
E|-----| -----| -----| -----|
1. I hope you know it was never to
2. she cried to me "Hey, why not ask for

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e|-0-----| -----| -----| -----|
B|-----| -----0-----| -----0-----| -----0-----|
G|---1---1---| -2-----2---| -1-----1---| ---1-----|
D|---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-| ---2---2---2-|
A|-----2---| -2-----2---| -----| -----|
E|-0-----| -----0-----| -----0-----| -----0-----|
1. you . . . . . to verse 3
2. more?" . . . . . to verse 1

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Lyrics and Chords:  
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Verse 1:  
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          A       '           E       '  
Like a bird on the wire,  
          A       '                   D       '  
like a drunk in a midnight choir  
          A       '           E       '           A       '           A       '  
I have tried in my way to be free.

Verse: 2:  
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Like a worm on a hook,  
like a knight from some old fashioned book  
I have saved all my ribbons for thee.

Bridge 1:  
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D       '       '       '       '       A       '       '       '  
If I, if I have been unkind,  
Bm       '       '       '       '  
I hope that you can just let it go  
A       '       '       '       '  
by.  
D       '       '       '       '       A       '       '       '  
If I, if I have been untrue  
Bm       '       '       '       '  
I hope you know it was never to  
E       '       '       '       '  
you.

Verse: 3:  
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Like a baby, stillborn,  
like a beast with his horn  
I have torn everyone who reached out for me.

Verse: 4:  
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But I swear by this song  
and by all that I have done wrong  
I will make it all up to thee.

Bridge 2:  
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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: 1:

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Oh like a bird on the wire,  
like a drunk in a midnight choir  
I have tried in my way to be free.

The arrangement of this song is from songsterr.com:

<https://www.songsterr.com/a/wsa/leonard-cohen-bird-on-the-wire-tab-s41490t0>

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird\\_on\\_the\\_Wire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird_on_the_Wire)