

## Thoughts on a wire

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I saw a ghost at night  
A shadow on a wire  
Through the window  
I saw  
A mass so small  
A little black hole  
Hung, mid air  
The shape of death  
Stood still on a thin wire  
A crow I feared  
Oh what might transpire  
Worn out, I slept  
Woke up from a fire  
A dream I had  
of my wildest desire  
Withdrawn I felt  
So thirsty from thirst  
Water I sought  
To quench that fire  
Of a dream I had  
My wildest desire  
I saw a bird at dawn  
A shadow on a wire  
I opened the window  
I saw  
A bundle of feathers  
Fragile and weathered  
Huddled up mid air  
Sound asleep  
On a thin, thin wire  
Awoke with light  
It stretched its wings  
Sat back and crooked its neck  
Gazed at me with ease  
Then picked the dreams  
out of its chest  
Awoke with light  
It flew out of a temporary nest  
Not even a smile  
It joined its kin and all the rest  
In a massive sky  
They whirled in sync  
Before long they stopped  
And a bird broke loose

Held back, in my direction, it flew  
Safely within sight, and a knowing look  
I'll tell you a secret, it murmured  
My heart trembled and shook

“In your dreams I found a place  
In a safe corner, I laid my eggs  
Tread gently and with care  
Watch them closely and guard them there  
And when they crack  
Give them space  
Nurture with love, never with hate  
Soon their wings will learn to fly  
Soon they'll nib away your pride  
Don't you struggle or try to fight  
You have to let go and oblige  
For in your fragile defenseless mind  
A silent silence will slowly shine  
In your dreams, I'll find you again  
When you're ready and awoke again  
Step by step you'll learn to fly  
We'll take you back home again”  
I saw a vision at night  
A string of thoughts on a wire  
So clear and tuned  
Through a window  
I saw  
None of them truly mattered  
Worn out I slept  
And in my dreams I searched  
For hidden eggs in all corners  
In them I sought  
A truth much more important  
Awoke at last  
I took a leap from a wire  
Awoke with light  
Far away from the wire