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**Leonard Cohen: Bird on a Wire**

Long before he became the musical elder statesman he's morphed into, Leonard Cohen was a passionate poet/musician who traveled the globe to share his art with audiences at shows that transcended the usual concert experience to become something truly special. At least on most nights, because as this documentary of Cohen's 1972 European tour shows, not every night can be perfect no matter how hard you try. Legendary British director Tony Palmer does a great job of capturing both sides of the experience, giving audiences a compelling look into the life of an artist like no other. 4 stars

- John Black