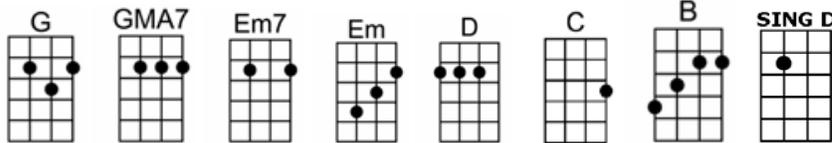




## HALLELUJAH - Leonard Cohen (DOB 9/21/34 - )

originally released on his studio album "Various Positions" (1984).



I [G] heard there [Gmaj7] was a [Em7] secret chord  
That [G] David [Gmaj7] played and it [Em7] pleased the Lord  
But [C] you don't really [D] care for music [G] do ya [D]  
It [G] goes like this the [C] fourth the [B] fifth  
The [Em] minor fall and the [C] major lift  
The [D] baffled king com- [B] posing halle- [Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle [G] lu- [D] jah [G] [D]

Your [G] faith was [Gmaj7] strong but you [Em7] needed proof  
You [G] saw her [Gmaj7] bathing [Em7] on the roof <sup>i</sup>  
Her [C] beauty and the [D] moonlight over- [G] threw ya [D]  
Well she [G] tied you to a [C] kitchen [B] chair <sup>ii</sup>  
She [Em] broke your throne, and she [C] cut your hair  
And [D] from your lips she [B] drew the Halle- [Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [G] lu- [D] jah [G] [D]

[G] Maybe [Gmaj7] I've been [Em7] here before  
I [G] know this [Gmaj7] room, I've [Em7] walked this floor  
I [C] used to live a- [D] lone before I [G] knew you [D]  
I've [G] seen your flag on the [C] marble [B] arch,  
Our [Em] Love is not a [C] victory march  
It's a [D] cold, it's a [B] broken halle- [Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle [G] lu- [D] jah [G] [D]

### **[YOU MAY WISH TO SKIP THIS VERSE in conservative company]**

There [G] was a [Gmaj7] time you [Em7] let me know  
What's [G] real and [Gmaj7] going [Em7] on below  
But [C] now you never [D] show it to me [G] do you? [D]  
[G] I remember when I [C] moved in [B] you,  
The [Em] holy dark was [C] moving too  
And [D] every breath we [B] drew was halle- [Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [G] lu [D] jah [G] [D]

[G] Maybe [Gmaj7] there's a [Em7] God above  
Then [G] all I [Gmaj7] ever [Em7] learned from love  
Was [C] how to shoot at [D] someone who out- [G] drew you [D]  
It's [G] not a cry you can [C] hear at [B] night  
Its [Em] not somebody who's [C] seen the light  
It's a [D] cold, and it's a [B] broken halle- ]Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [G] lu [D] jah [G] [D]

You [G] say I [Gmaj7] took the [Em7] name in vain  
I [G] don't [Gmaj7] even [Em7] know the name  
But [C] if I did, well [D] really, what's it [G] to ya? [D]  
There's a [G] blaze of light in [C] every [B] word  
It [Em] doesn't matter [C] which you heard  
The [D] holy or the [B] broken Halle- [Em] lujah  
Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [G] lu [D] jah [G] [D]

I [G] did my [Gmaj7] best, it [Em7] wasn't much  
I [G] couldn't [Gmaj7] feel, so I [Em7] tried to touch  
I've [C] told the truth, I [D] didn't come to [G] fool ya [D]  
And [G] even though it [C] all went [B] wrong  
I'll [Em] stand before the [C] Lord of Song  
With [D] nothing on my [B] tongue but Halle- [Em] lujah

Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [Em] lujah, Halle- [C] lujah, Halle- [G] lu [D]  
**repeat this last line at least 4 x or more, slowing & softening, sing prayerfully**



[k.d. lang](#) recorded a version of "Hallelujah" in 2004 on her album "Hymns of the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel". Lang sang the song at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, before a TV audience of 3 billion. Rufus Wainwright's version was featured on the album [Shrek: Music from the Original Motion Picture](#), 2001. It's been in many other movies & TV shows. The Four Canadian Tenors sang it on the Emmy show Sunday, 9/18/2011 during the "in Memoriam" portion of the show.

<sup>ii</sup> Refers to King David having Uriah the Hittite killed so he can wed his wife Bathsheba. Read 2 Samuels 11:3-4

<sup>ii</sup> Samson & Delilah story, read Judges 16. These Biblical references are rather confusing thrown into the same verse.