Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen (DOB 9/21/34 - )  

I [G] heard there [Gmaj7] was a [Em7] secret chord
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

Your [G] faith was [Gmaj7] strong but you [Em7] needed proof
Her [C] beauty and the [D] moonlight over- [G] threw ya [D]
Well she [G] tied you to a [C] kitchen [B] chair
She [Em] broke your throne, and she [C] cut your hair
And [D] from your lips she [B] drew the Halle- [Em] lujah

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

[YOU MAY WISH TO SKIP THIS VERSE in conservative company]
There [G] was a [Gmaj7] time you [Em7] let me know
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
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

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

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

repeat this last line at least 4 x or more, slowing & softening, sing prayerfully

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k.d. lang recorded a version of "Hallelujah" in 2004 on her album "Hymns of the 49th 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.

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[i] Refers to King David having Uriah the Hittite killed so he can wed his wife Bathsheba. Read 2 Samuels 11:3-4
[ii] Samson & Delilah story, read Judges 16. These Biblical references are rather confusing thrown into the same verse.