

# Hallelujah

by Leonard Cohen

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1. Now I've heard there was a secret chord  
That David played, and it pleased the Lord  
But you don't really care for music, do ya?  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
The minor fall, the major lift  
The baffled king composing "Hallelujah"

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

2. Your faith was strong, but you needed proof  
You saw her bathing on the roof  
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew ya  
She tied you to a kitchen chair  
She broke your throne and she cut your hair  
And from your lips she drew the "Hallelujah"

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

3. You say I took the name in vain  
I don't even know the name  
But if I did, well really, what's it to ya?  
There's a blaze of light in every word  
It doesn't matter which you heard  
The holy or the broken "Hallelujah"

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

4. I did my best, it wasn't much  
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch  
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool ya  
And even though it all went wrong  
I'll stand before the lord of song  
With nothing on my tongue but "Hallelujah"

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