

Caroline's tips: Made famous by a multitude of different singers performing over 300 different arrangements, Hallelujah can be considered spiritual, religious, up-lifting or melancholy depending on how it is performed and interpreted. Canadian, Leonard Cohen, who died in 2016, wrote the song in 1984 but did not experience initial success, however, as other artists began to cover it it became popular. In more recent years it featured in the movie Shrek and on various TV talent shows. Over 80 verses were written some with reference to biblical stories e.g Samson and Delilah and King David and Bathsheba.



Music & Lyrics by Leonard Cohen. Rock Choir version created 2017 CRL. (2)

Hallelujah

Verse 1

I heard there was a se-cret chord
that Da-vid played and-it pleased the Lord.
But you don't real-ly care for mu-sic, do ya...?
Well-it goes like this the fourth the fifth
The min-or fall the maj-or lift
The baf-fled king com-po-sing Hal-le-lu-jah

Chorus 1

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu....jah.....

Verse 2

(Altos) Your (All) faith was strong (Altos) but you need-ed proof
You saw her (All) bath-ing on (Altos) the roof
(All) Her beau-ty and the moon-light (Altos) o-ver (All) threw ya
She tied you to her kitch-en chair
She broke your throne and cut your hair
And from your lips she drew a "Hal-le-lu-jah"

Chorus 2

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu.....jah

(Modulation)

Verse 3
(Stronger)

May-be there's a God a-bove
but all I've ev-er learned from love
was how to shoot some-bod-y who out-drew ya....
It's not a cry you hear at night
It's not some-one who's seen the light
It's a cold and a bro-ken hal-le-lu-jah

Chorus 3

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah

Chorus 4
(stronger again)

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu....jah.....

Finale

Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu.....jah.....