

**Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen) (G) (12/8 Time)**  
**[Hallelujah](#) by Leonard Cohen (Official Audio)**  
**[Hallelujah](#) by Leonard Cohen (Live in London) (Official Video)**  
**Version 1 – 4 Verses**

*The verses and their order follow the version recorded for the 1984 album, "Various Positions" (Official Audio)*

**Intro:** C Am C Am

C Am  
Well I've heard there was a secret chord,  
C Am  
That David played and it pleased the Lord,  
F G C G  
But you don't really care for music, do you?  
C F G  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth,  
Am F  
The minor fall and the major lift,  
G E7 Am  
The baffled king com - posing Halle - lujah,

**Chorus**

F Am  
Halle - lujah, Halle - lujah,  
F C G C G  
Halle - lujah, Halle-lu--- --- jah.

C Am  
Your faith was strong but you needed proof,  
C Am  
You saw her bathing on the roof,  
F G C G  
Her beauty and the moonlight over-threw you,  
C F G  
She tied you to her kitchen chair,  
Am F  
She broke your throne and she cut your hair,  
G E7 Am  
And from your lips she drew the Halle – lujah, **Chorus**

C Am  
You say I took the name in vain.  
C Am  
I don't even know the name.  
F G C G  
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?  
C F G  
There's a blaze of light in every word.  
Am F  
It doesn't matter which you heard.  
G E7 Am  
The holy or the broken Halle – lujah. **Chorus**

**C**                    **Am**  
I did my best, it wasn't much,  
**C**                    **Am**  
I couldn't feel so I tried to touch,  
**F**                    **G**                    **C**                    **G**  
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you.  
**C**                    **F**                    **G**  
And even though it all went wrong,  
**Am**                    **F**  
I'll stand before the Lord of Song,  
**G**                    **E7**                    **Am**  
With nothing on my tongue but Halle – lujah, **Chorus (2x)**

**Note:** Some performers substitute Em for E7 in the last line of the verses.

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