

Hallelujah (Fingerstyle) - Leonard Cohan (6/8)

Intro:

	C	Am	C	Am
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----1-----
G	-----0---0---	-----2---2---	-----0---0---	-----2---2---
D	-----2-----	-----2-----	-----2-----	-----2-----
A	-----3-----2-	-----0-----2-	-----3-----2-	-----0-----2-
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

Verse:

	C	Am	C	Am
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	-----0-0-----0-0-	-----2-2-2-----	-----0-0-----0-0-	-----2-2-----0-
D	-----2-2-----	-----2-2-----2-	-----2-2-----	-----2-2-----
A	-----3-----3-----	-----0-----0-----	-----3-----3-----	-----0-----0-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

I heard there was a secret chord
 That David played and it pleased the lord

	F	G7	C	G
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----0-----
G	-----2---2---2-2-	-----2---0---0---	-----0---0---0-0-	-----0-----
D	-----3---3-----	-----3-----3-	-----2---2-----	-----0-----2-
A	-----3---3-----	-----	-----3---3-----	-----
E	-----	-----3-----3-	-----	-----3-----

But you don't really care for music, do you?

	C	F	G	Am	F
e	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----0---0-	-----1-1-1-----	-----1-1-3-----1-	-----
G	-----0---0---0-0-	-----2---2-0-----	-----2-----2-0-	-----2---2-----	-----
D	-----2---2-----	-----3-----0-----	-----2-----	-----3---3-----	-----
A	-----3---3-----	-----3-----	-----0---0-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----3-----3-	-----	-----1-----1-----	-----

Well it goes like this the fourth, the fifth
 The minor fall and the major lift

G E Am

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e |-----| -0---0---0---|-----|-----0---3-|
B | -3---3---3-3-| -0---0---3-| -3---1---|-----1---|
G | -0---0---0---| -1---1---| -2---2---|-----2---|
D | -0---0---0---|-----| -2---2---|-----|
A |-----|-----| -0---|-----0---|
E | -3---3---| -0---0---|-----|-----|
The baffled king composing hallelujah Halle
  
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Chorus:

F F Am

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e | -5-----5-----|-----5---3-| -0-----0-----|-----0---3-|
B |-----|-----| -1---1---|-----1---|
G | -5-----5-----|-----5-----| -2---2---|-----2---|
D | -3-----| -3-----|-----|-----|
A |-----|-----| -0---|-----0---|
E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
lujah, hallelujah Halle
  
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F C G

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e | -5-----5-----|-----5---3-| -0-----1p0-|-----|
B |-----|-----| -1---|-----| -3---1---|
G | -5-----5-----|-----5-----| -0---0---| -0-----|
D | -3-----| -3-----|-----| -0---|
A |-----|-----| -3---|-----|
E |-----|-----|-----| -3---|
lujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah
  
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C

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e |-----|-----|-----|-----|
B | -1-----1-----|-----|-----|-----|
G | -0-----0-----|-----|-----|-----|
D | -2-----3---| -2-----|-----|-----|
A | -3-----| -3-----|-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
jah....
  
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Lyrics and Chords:

Intro: C Am C Am

Verse:

C Am
I 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]
Well it goes like this the fourth, the fifth
Am F
The minor fall and the major lift
G E Am
The baffled king composing hallelujah

Chorus:

F F Am Am
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
F F C G C
hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah

Verse:

Well your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to her kitchen chair
She broke your throne and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the hallelujah

Chorus

Verse:

Baby I've been here before
I've seen this room and I've walked this floor
I used to live alone before I knew you
I've seen your flag on the marble arch
But love is not a victory march
It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah

Chorus

Verse:

Well there was a time when you let me know
What's really going on below
But now you never show that to me do you
But remember when I moved in you
And the holy dove was moving too
And every breath we drew was hallelujah

Verse:

Well, maybe there's a god above
But all I've ever learned from love
Was how to shoot somebody who outdrew you
It's not a cry that you hear at night
It's not somebody who's seen the light
It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah

Chorus

This version of the song is arranged by: Nicola Mandorino. At
<https://www.guitarnick.com/>

Lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXmrDmR07SM>

<https://www.guitarnick.com/hallelujah-fingerstyle-guitar-tablature.html>

"Hallelujah", in its original version, is in 12/8 time, which evokes both waltz and gospel music. Written in the key of C major, the chord progression matches lyrics from the song: "goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, and the major lift": C, F, G, A minor, F.

Cohen wrote around 80 draft verses for "Hallelujah", with one writing session at the Royalton Hotel in New York where he was reduced to sitting on the floor in his underwear, banging his head on the floor.

Leonard Cohan Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrLk4vdY28Q>