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LEONARD COHEN

A Poetic Life

Readings, songs and more ...

A look back at the life of Leonard Cohen. 1934 - 2016



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4. Leonard Cohen died after a musical career that _____ 5 decades.
5. He was born to a well-off Jewish family in what was then the _____ Catholic city of Montreal, Canada and religion imbued his work.
6. He was a prolific poet who wrote novels and had just _____ his 14th studio album, "You want it darker".
7. His music was considered so dark, even _____, he was considered the master of a "rotting despair".
8. "My reputation as a ladies' man was a joke and it caused me to laugh _____ during the 10,000 nights that I spent alone."
9. But his work also combined love and _____ and joy.
10. Although he was not a natural singer, he developed a distinctive _____, joking with his audiences about his "golden voice".
11. Along the way, he won a Grammy lifetime _____ award and was inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.
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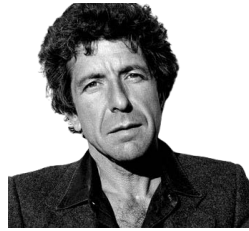


Name:

Date:

THE STORY

OF



The Life Of Leonard Cohen

In the boxes below, share your story! What important events have happened in this person's life? Research and then present the information to the class.

Personal Information



Family Life



Famous Quote



Early Life



Major Accomplishments



3 Interesting Facts



What Their Life Teaches Us



Song: Fill in the Blanks

JEFF BUCKLEY sings: "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen



Jeff Buckley



Lenoard Cohen

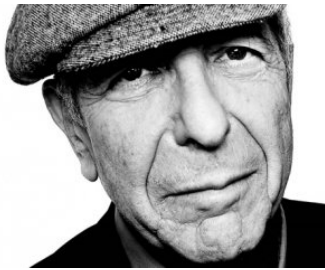
chord	drew	proof	light	never show
hair	played	before	cold	when
been	chair	music	seen	minor fall
composing	seen	broken	let me know	holy dove
before	broken	walked	roof	overthrew
flag	victory march	major lift	below	breath
it goes like	above	shoot	cold	love
drew	outdrew	cry	hear	

Well I heard there was a secret _____
that David _____ and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for _____, do you?
Well _____ this:
The fourth, the fifth,
The _____ and the _____
The baffled king _____ Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...
Your faith was strong but you needed _____
You saw her bathing on the _____
Her beauty and the moonlight _____ you
She tied you to her kitchen _____
She broke your throne and she cut your _____
And from your lips she _____ the Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...
Baby I've _____ here _____
I've _____ this room and I've _____ this floor (you know)
I used to live alone _____ I knew you
And I've seen your _____ on the marble arch
and love is not a _____
It's a _____ and it's a _____ Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...

There was a time when you _____
What's really going on _____
But now you _____ that to me, do you?
But remember _____ I moved in you
And the _____ was moving too
And every _____ we _____ was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...
Maybe there's a God _____
All I've ever learned from _____
Was how to _____ somebody who _____
you
And it's not a _____ that you _____ at night
It's not somebody who's _____ the _____
It's a _____ and it's a _____ Hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...
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SHARE YOUR OPINION:

What do you think this song is about?



Hallelujah

"Hallelujah" Original by Leonard Cohen

Well I heard there was a secret chord
that David played and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
Well it goes like this:
The fourth, the fifth,
The minor fall and the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...

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

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...

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

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...

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

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...

Maybe there's a God above
all I've ever learned from love
Was how to shoot somebody who outdrew you
And it's not a cry that you hear at night
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SUZANNE – Leonard Cohen



Suzanne takes you down
to her place near the _____
You can hear the boats go by
You can spend the night beside her
And you know that she's half crazy
But that's why you want to be there
And she feeds you tea and oranges
That come all the way from _____
And just when you mean to tell her
That you have no love to give her
Then she gets you on her wavelength
And she lets the river _____
That you've always been her lover
And you want to travel with her
And you want to travel blind
And you know that she will trust you
For you've touched her
perfect body with your _____.

And Jesus was a sailor
When he walked upon the water
And he spent a long time watching
From his lonely wooden _____
And when he knew for certain
Only drowning men could see him
He said "All men will be sailors then
Until the sea shall free them"
But he himself was broken
Long before the sky would open
Forsaken, almost _____
He sank beneath your wisdom like a stone
And you want to travel with him
And you want to travel blind
And you think maybe you'll trust him
For he's touched your
perfect body with his mind.

Now Suzanne takes your hand
And she leads you to the river
She is wearing rags and f _____
From Salvation Army counters
And the sun pours down like honey
On our lady of the harbour
And she shows you where to look
Among the garbage and the flowers
There are heroes in the seaweed
There are children in the morning
They are leaning out for love
And they will lean that way forever
While Suzanne holds the _____
And you want to travel with her
And you want to travel blind
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