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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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2. It became an anthem of comfort in difficult times, mixing love and lust with deep \_\_\_\_\_ imagery.
3. Singers everywhere covered it. Jeff Buckley to K.D. Lang. Three \_\_\_\_\_ were even on the U.K. charts at one time.
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.
12. But in recent interviews and his newest songs, he appeared to be hinting at his own \_\_\_\_\_.
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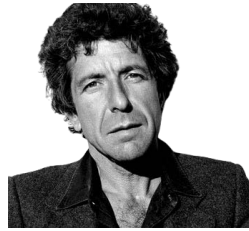


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# THE STORY

# 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.



The form consists of several hand-drawn boxes connected by lines, each intended for a different section of a biography. The boxes are decorated with colorful icons: stars, lightning bolts, squiggles, and dots. The sections are:

- Personal Information**: Located at the top left, with a lightning bolt icon.
- Family Life**: Located below Personal Information, with a squiggle icon.
- Major Accomplishments**: Located at the bottom left, with a star icon.
- 3 Interesting Facts**: Located at the bottom center, with a squiggle icon.
- Early Life**: Located in the middle right, with a star icon.
- Famous Quote**: Located at the top right, with a star icon.
- What Their Life Teaches Us**: Located at the bottom right, with a squiggle icon.

**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  
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## "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  
It's not somebody who's seen the light  
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah

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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  
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