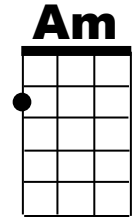


# Hallelujah

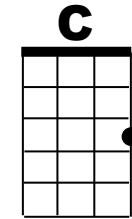
Leonard Cohen recorded the first version of his song in June, 1984 and released it in December, 1984 as part of his *Various Positions* album. This song is the subject of a book *The Holy or The Broken: Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley & the Unlikely Ascent of "Hallelujah"* written in 2012 by Alan Light noting that "Cohen spent years struggling with his song." He wrote as many as 80 verses before paring the song down. The song was featured in the film *Shrek* (2001) and there are over 300 versions of the song sung by an amazing variety of artists, many featured on YouTube including a singing priest!

**INTRO 4 each: C Am C Am**

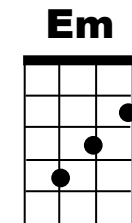
Now I've heard there was a secret chord  
 That David played, and it pleased the Lord  
 But you don't really care for music, do you?  
 It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
 The minor fall, the major lift  
 The baffled king composing Hallelujah



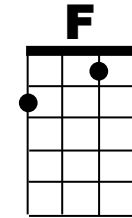
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu.....jah



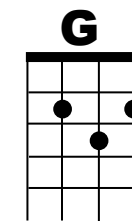
Your faith was strong but you needed proof  
 You saw her bathing on the roof  
 Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you  
 She tied you to a kitchen chair  
 She broke your throne, and she cut your hair  
 And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah



Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu.....jah



You say I took the name in vain  
 I don't even know the name  
 But if I did, well really, what's it to you?  
 There's a blaze of light in every word  
 It doesn't matter which you heard  
 The holy or the broken Hallelujah



Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu.....jah

I did my best, it wasn't much  
 I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch  
 I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you  
 And even though it all went wrong  
 I'll stand before the Lord of Song  
 With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu.....jah

Our alternative sheet of music suggests E7 instead of Em on the last line of each verse.

