

# Changing the Way You Think:

## Broken Hallelujah: Culture’s Counterfeits of Love & Beauty

Identity \* Purpose \* Success \* Beauty \* Love

Hallelujah (Over 300 Professional Recorded Versions)

- Many with altered lyrics (additions, subtractions, etc.)
- All deeply resonating interpretations of ultimately the same sentiment
- Why?
  - Because, perhaps, it is one of the most if not the most common human experience is that of broken expectations about what Love is, and what one thought it would mean for them.

### Counterfeit

*An exact imitation made to look like something very valuable or important, but with the intention to deceive and steal...(Money)*

- **God Created Love (He is Love)**



**It is the single most important attribute of God’s Character.**

**It is the essential quality and purpose of Life.**

**It is the skeleton key to all the doors.**

- “Laying down your life...”
- “Emptying Yourself...”
- “Putting the Needs of Others Before Your Own...”

- **We Think We Already Know Love’s Song**


*“It goes like this  
 The fourth, the fifth  
 The minor fall, the major lift  
 The baffled king composing Hallelujah.  
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah”*




But, it is so much more work than I thought. I never expected the hurt and loss of giving up hopes and dreams unfulfilled. It takes so much time and cultivation. I have to trust the counter-intuitive promises of a God I can’t see, that it will be worth it in the end.

- **The Enemy Is Always There With a New Tune**

**Gen. 3:2** “Can it really be that God has said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”

**Matt. 4:8-9**

The devil took Him up on a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory [splendor, magnificence, and excellence] of them; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

**John 10:10**

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy.

**"The fruit of the Spirit is love...but the desires of the sinful nature [counterfeits] are..."**

Galatians 5:22 & 19

Sexual Addictions

Lust

Infatuation

Obsession

Codependence

Abuse

Manipulation

Violence

Porn/Virtual/Fantasy

**1 John 2:15-17**

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you...The world offers a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything you see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

**[Let] no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his evil schemes.**

**2 Cor. 2:11**

We are Broken...and the Break is So, So Deep  
Culture Facilitates this Brokenness...

## Testimony

I would have lost all hope if it weren't for two promises God has made to me (and you):

- 1. "Love Never Fails"**
- 2. "Truth will Set you Free"**

*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, 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 a kitchen chair  
She broke your throne, she cut your hair  
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

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

*There was a time you'd let me know  
What's real and going on below  
But now you never show it to me do you?  
And remember when I moved in you?  
The Holy Ghost was moving too  
And every breath we drew was Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Maybe there's a God above  
And all I ever learned from love  
Was how to shoot at someone who  
outdrew you  
It's not a cry you can hear at night  
It's not somebody who's seen the light  
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
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- - Hallelujah (Rufus Wainwright)

