

MICHAEL HOPE: HALLELUJAH

Lyrics

1. Nella fantasia

(Music by Ennio Morricone, Lyrics by Chiara Ferrau)

Nella fantasia , io vedo un mondo giusto,
Li tutti vivono
in pace e in onestà.
Io sogno d'anime
che sono sempre libere,
Come le nuvole che volano,
Pien' d'umanità in fondo all'anima.

Nella fantasia
io vedo un mondo chiaro,
Li anche la notte è meno oscura.
Io sogno d'anime
che sono sempre libere,
Come le nuvole che volano.
Pien' d'umanità in fondo all'anima.

Nella fantasia
esiste un vento caldo,
Che soffia sulle città,
come amico.
Io sogno d'anime
che sono sempre libere,
Come le nuvole che volano,
Pien' d'umanità in fondo all'anima

*(Translation: In my fantasy I see a just world
Where everyone lives in peace and honesty
I dream of souls that are always free
Like clouds that float
Full of humanity in the depths of the soul*

*In my fantasy I see a bright world
Where each night there is less darkness
I dream of souls that are always free
Like clouds that float
Full of humanity.*

*In my fantasy exists a warm wind
That breathes into the city, like a friend
I dream of souls that are always free
Like clouds that float
Full of humanity in the depths of the soul).*

2. Hallelujah

(Words and Music by Leonard Cohen)

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

Hallelujah...

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

Hallelujah...

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

Hallelujah...

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I 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...

3. Ascoltami

(Words and Music by Marchella Mafrika)

I gave you life
I gave you hope
The means to thrive
the will to cope

And when you ask for me
I'll give you everything
I'll lead you to believe
If you're listening

Ascoltami
Se ce crede
Amore qui senza fine

*(Translation:
Listen to me
if you believe
That eternal love lies here)*

And when you ask for me
I'll give you everything
I'll lead you to believe
If you're listening

Quando la fede si perde
chiama il mio nome
e quando lo trovi presto sarete liberi

*(Translation:
When faith is lost,
call my name.
and when you find it, you will soon be free
Listen to me...)*

I gave you life
now give me peace
always be kind
Ascoltami...
(Listen to me.)

4. Caro Gesu Bambino

(Piero Quinto Cariaggi/ Piero Soffici)

Caro Gesù Bambino,
tu che sei tanto buono,
fammi questo piacer,
lascia una volta il cielo
e vieni a giocare, a giocare con me.

Lo sai che il babbo è povero
ed io non ho giocattoli,
sono un bambino buono
come lo fosti tu.

Vedrai però se vieni
noi ci divertiremo
anche senza balocchi,
vieni Bambin Gesù.

*(Translation:
Dear Baby Jesus,
you who are so good,
do me a favour
leave heaven one day
and come to play with me.*

*You know my father is poor
and that I have no toys,
I'm a good boy
like you were yourself.*

*You'll see though that if you'd come in
we will have fun
even without toys
Come, Baby Jesus, come..)*

5. Be Thou My Vision (Traditional)

Be though my vision, oh Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and thou only the first in my heart
Blessed redeemer my treasure thou art!

High king of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
Oh bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever may fall,
Still be my vision
and You will still be my vision
Be thou my vision
Oh Ruler of all.

6. Great Is Thy Faithfulness (PIANO SOLO)

7. Be Not Afraid

(Words and music by Robert J. Dufford)

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain :Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me, and
I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

Blessed are your poor,
For the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

8. Morning Has Broken (Traditional)

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

9. As The Deer

(Words and Music by Martin Nystrom)

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

10. I Believe

(Eric Levi/ Yvan Cassar)

One day I'll hear the laugh of children
In a world where war has been banned.
One day I'll see men of all colours
Sharing words of love and devotion.

Stand up and feel the Holy Spirit
Feel the power of your faith.
Open your heart to those who need you
In the name of love and devotion.
Yes, I believe.

I believe in the people of all nations
To join and to care for love.
I believe in a world where love will guide us
And giving our love..
We'll make heaven on earth.
I believe.

11. PIANO SOLO: The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James' Air)

12. Simple Gifts (Traditional)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning turning we come round right

13. Here I Am, Lord

(*I The Lord Of Sea and Sky*)

(Dan S. Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain : Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

14. For Good (From "Wicked")

(Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz)

I've heard it said
That people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those who help us most to grow
If we let them and we help them in return

Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you...

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But...
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good.

And now whichever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine
By being my friend...

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a sky bird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But...
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good.

And just to clear the air, I ask forgiveness
For the things I've done you blame me for
But then, I guess we know there's blame to share
And none of it seems to matter anymore.

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
I do believe I have been changed for the better
And...
Because I knew you,
I have been changed for good.

15. The Irish Blessing

(Joyce Kilmer)

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of his hand.

16: BONUS TRACK: The Prayer

(David Foster, Tony Renis, Carole Bayer Sager,
Alberto Testa)

I pray you'll be our eyes,
and watch us where we go.
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer,
When we lose our way
Lead us to the place,
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe

La luce che tu hai
Nel cuore resterà
A ricordarci che
Eterna stella sei
Nella mia preghiera
Quanta fede c'è

*(Translation: The light that you give
will remain in our hearts
And remind us that you are the eternal star.
In my prayer there is so much faith...)*

Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno lo dia la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace, di fraternità
La forza che ci dà
È il desiderio che
Ognuno trovi amor
Intorno e dentro a sé

(Translation:

We dream of a world without any violence

A world of justice and hope.

Everyone gives a hand to his neighbour

A symbol of peace...of brotherhood.

The strength that you give us is the desire

that everyone finds love around and in ourselves.)

Let this be our prayer
Just like every child, needs to find a place,
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

È la fede che, hai acceso in noi,
Sento che ci salverà

(Translation:

And the faith that you have lit in us

I feel will save us.)