

# 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.)*