

Born In Chains  
written by Leonard Cohen

G Bm Em  
 I was born in chains but I was taken out of Egypt  
 G Bm Em D  
 I was bound to a burden, but the burden it was raised  
 C E Am F  
 Oh Lord, I can no longer keep this secret  
 C C#dim Dsus4 D  
 Blessed is the name, the name be praised.

I fled to the edge of a mighty sea of sorrow  
 Pursued by the riders of a cruel and dark regime  
 But the waters parted and my soul crossed over  
 Out of Egypt, Out of Pharaoh's dream.

B7 Em  
 Word of words and the measure of all measures  
 B7 Em  
 Blessed is the name, the name be blessed  
 C Cm G (Em)  
 Written on my heart in burning letters  
 Eb D  
 That's all I know, I cannot read the rest.

I was idle with my soul, when I heard that you could use me  
 I followed very closely, but my life remained the same  
 But then you showed me where you had been wounded  
 In every atom, broken is the name.

I was alone on the road, your love was so confusing  
 And all the teachers told me that I had myself to blame  
 But in the arms of sensual illusion  
 A sweet unknowing, unified the name.

Word of words, and measure of all measures  
 Blessed is the name, the name be blessed  
 Written on my heart in burning letters  
 That's all I know, I cannot read the rest.

I've heard the soul unfold in the chambers of its longing  
 And the bitter liquor sweeten in the hammered cup  
 Ah but all the ladders of the night have fallen  
 Just darkness now, to lift the spirit up.

instrumental

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C E Am F  
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