

# Born in Chains

Leonard Cohen

I was born in chains but I was taken out of Egypt  
I was bound to a burden, but the burden it was raised  
Lord I can no longer keep this secret  
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 Word of words and the 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 was idled 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 a name I was alone on the road, your love was so confusing  
All my teachers told me I had myself to blame  
But in the grip of sensual illusion  
The sweet unknowing unifies a name Word of words, and the 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 unfolds in the chambers of its longing  
And the bitter liquor sweetens in the amber cup  
But all the ladders of the night have fallen  
Only darkness now, to lift the longing up 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

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