

**Born In Chains**  
**Leonard Cohen**

Leonard Cohen - Born In Chains

unreleased song performed during the 2010 Tour

as performed in Sligo (Ireland), July 31st, 2010

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[LEONARD COHEN] [SPOKEN]

I was born in chains but I was taken out of Egypt  
I was bound to a burden, but the burden it was raised  
Oh Lord, I can no longer keep this secret  
Blessed is the name, the name be praised.

[SHARON ROBINSON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY WEBB]

I was born â€

[LEONARD]

**G** **B/F#** **Em**  
I was born in chains but I was taken out of Egypt  
**G** **B/F#** **Em** **D5**  
I was bound to a burden, but the burden it was raised  
**C** **E** **E7** **Am4** **Am**  
Oh Lord, I can no longer keep this secret  
**F** **C/G** **Eb/Bb** **D**  
Blessed is the name, the name be praised.

[SHARON]

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 Pharaohâ€™s dream.

[LEONARD, ROSCOE BECK, SHARON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY]

**B** **(B7)** **B** **Esus4** **Em3**  
Word of words and the measure of all measures  
**B** **(B7)** **B** **Esus4** **Em3**  
Blessed is the name, the name be blessed  
**C** **Cm9** **G** **Em**  
Written on my heart in burning letters  
**Eb** **D**  
Thatâ€™s all I know, I cannot read the rest .

[HATTIE]

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 the name.

[CHARLEY]

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.

[LEONARD, ROSCOE, SHARON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY]

Word of words, and the measure of all measures  
Blessed is the name, the name be blessed  
Written on my heart in burning letters  
Thatâ€™s all I know, I do not know the rest.

[LEONARD]

Iâ€™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 longing up.

[DINO SOLDI (saxophone), LEONARD, ROSCOE, SHARON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY]

[sax]

[sax]

But all the ladders of the night have fallen  
Just darkness now, to lift the spirit up.

[LEONARD, ROSCOE, SHARON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY]

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

[SHARON, HATTIE AND CHARLEY]

Cannot read the rest  
Shall not read the rest

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