

## Renée Fleming, Hallelujah

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While I do enjoy the occasional opera, I am not a big fan of opera. Outside of my girlfriend's friend, [Frances Ginsberg](#), I cannot name very many opera stars.

I do love classical music though, and listen to classical music stations frequently. On one of these stations I discovered Renée Fleming. She has been called America's Soprano or The People's Diva. This station played *Hallelujah* from the pop album of indie rock songs that she has recently released, [Dark Hope](#). I bought the CD based on that one song. The whole album is wonderful, but *Hallelujah* goes to a whole different plane. I have listened to it multiple times, and I alternate between having the hair on my neck stand up and wanting to tear up. It is an absolutely wonderful piece of music, performed by a marvelous talent.

Below is from a BBC show and has Renée Fleming singing an abbreviated version of the song. On the CD it runs a very, very short 7:39. This version is enough to give you a taste though. Absolutely marvelous...if I were in the audience I would be on my feet screaming bravo between the tears.

Plus she is just so damn beautiful it hurts.

[YouTube Video](#)

Another wonderful Renee Fleming video can be found at [Renée Fleming sings Amazing Grace at WTC](#)

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