# **Hippie Song or Deeply Spiritual Song?**

The year was 1968, right in the heat of the 60s rebellion by the Baby Boomers, the generation of which I am a member, I'm ashamed to say.

This was the era of the flower children, free love and sex, LSD and other drugs, and Woodstock (August, 1969). The Watts riots took place in 1965, and was one of the first major incidences of looting, burning, and unfortunately deaths. Worst of all, on April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and two months later, on June 5, Bobby Kennedy was assassinated. The Vietnamese War became the backdrop of the sixties and some of the seventies.

It was then that the seeds of today's harvest were sown. For some reason that I never understood, many of the immediate offspring of "The Greatest Generation" reacted badly to their cushy lives, in which they were given just about anything a kid could want and lived through one of the most peaceful decades in our history, the fifties. Yes, I know some could argue against that statement, because nothing is pure white or black.

But I lived through that decade, some in the Bay Area (embarrassed to admit that!), some in Southern California, and some in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. I remember reveling in the feeling of comfort and prosperity, thinking life would be like that forever.

Many others in my age cohort didn't share those feelings and acted out their dissatisfaction by breaking many barriers of "normal" living and our moral guardrails. And today, since about 2008\*, we watch as the seeds of their violence, anger, and evil come to fruition. They grew up and planted themselves in professorships, in legal and judicial positions, in entertainment, and in other high profile positions where they spread their hatred and anger to our kids and to us.

In the chaos of the sixties, this song emerged and climbed to the top of the charts. (What charts, you ask. Heck if I know. Just "the charts".) Obviously it struck a chord in many, myself included. Most interestingly, the words could have been written today, 57 years later, and they'd be just as descriptive of our present circumstance.

What do YOU think? Is this a song of disillusionment and dismay (a Hippie song)? Or is there hope implied in the lines, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah"? (Hallelujah = an expression of praise, joy, or thanks.)



#### WHO WILL ANSWER?

Written by L.E. Aute Sheila Davis

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah From the canyons of the mind We wander on and stumble blindly Through the often tangled maze Of starless nights and sunless days While asking for some kind of clue Or road to lead us to the truth But who will answer?

Side by side two people stand Together vowing, hand in hand That love's embedded in their hearts But soon an empty feeling starts To overwhelm their hollow lives And when they seek the how's and why's Who will answer?

On a strange and distant hill A young man's lying very still His arms will never hold his child Because a bullet running wild Has struck him down and now we cry "Dear God, oh, why, oh, why?" But who will answer?

High upon a lonely ledge A figure teeters near the edge And jeering crowds collect below To egg him on with, "Go, man, go!" But who will ask what led him To his private day of doom And who will answer?

If the soul is darkened By a fear it cannot name If the mind is baffled When the rules don't fit the game Who will answer? Who will answer? Who will answer? Hallelujah, Hallelujah

In the rooms of dark and shades The scent of sandalwood pervades The colored thoughts in muddled heads Reclining in the rumpled beds Of unmade dreams that can't come true When we ask what we should do Who, who will answer?

'Neath the spreading mushroom tree The world revolves in apathy As overhead, a row of specks Roars on, drowned out by discotheques And if a secret button's pressed Because one man has been outguessed Who will answer?

Is our hope in walnut shells Worn 'round the neck with temple bells Or deep within some cloistered walls Where hooded figures pray in halls? Or crumbled books on dusty shelves Or in our stars, or in ourselves Who will answer?

If the soul is darkened By a fear it cannot name If the mind is baffled When the rules don't fit the game Who will answer? Who will answer? Who will answer?

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I thought of adding a stanza or two:

In the darkness of the night The demons' children set alight Whole cities burning up in flames, But no one knows them or their names. They need to fill their empty souls But finding nothing for the holes. Who will answer?

Missiles flying everywhere Drones attack without a care; The mushroom tree a growing threat, It seems the End of all is set. No matter where you look, it's war How long, O Lord, how near? How far?

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Linda Gommel

We apologize that in the ad of 10/9/2025, we published an article from "Not the Bee" website, but failed to acknowledge "Not the Bee" and placed the signature of Linda Gommel at the end, as if she wrote it. It was written by the great Peter Heck,



whose writings and thoughts we greatly appreciate.

#### ON THE PORCHES HAPPENING in Lucerne Valley

MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC, October 23rd, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information or to set up an appointment, call (909) 878-8246.

**TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT SIGN-UPS** 

for Sponsorchips and Tailgate Spots. Saturdays, Oct. 18th & 25th, 9 a.m. -Noon (Hosted by the L. V. Roadrunners) TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT, Friday, October 31st, 5 - 7 p.m. at the L. V. Library/Senior Center Parking Lot on Highway 247. Food & Drinks,

Games, Contests, and FREE CANDY!

TOUR THE HAUNTED GHOST TOWN, October 25th, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the L.V. Lions Club, 30200 Del Oro Rd. Children's Games, Candy Bags, Food Vendors on site.

For more Events and information, see the L.V. Chamber Newsletter or our Bulletin Board.

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## LVEDA Meeting (Lucerne Valley Economic **Development Association**)

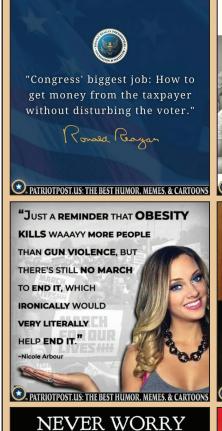
### Monday, October 27 5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

LVEDA provides an important community forum recognized by County, State, and Local Representatives. Supports real economic development consistent with our rural goals. Opposes projects that harm our land-use integrity and quality of life.

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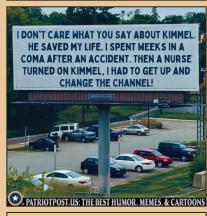
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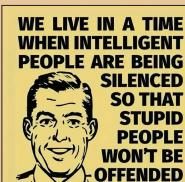
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