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## Creativity and Grief in Leonard Cohen's "Tower of Song"

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The article examines the subject of creativity and its relations to mental health; psychic space and grief, using a psychoanalytic analysis of the song "Tower of Song" by the poet Leonard Cohen. The analysis is not based on biography, rather extracted from the song with no deliberate reference to the artist's life. The analysis brings questions about the subjective experience within the creative process; an experience of enabling creativity as opposed to compelled creativity that serves as a defense mechanism rather than an expression of playfulness and inner freedom. The analysis also brings the assumption that there is a link between the grief process, the expression of creativity and psychic space.

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