

# A Change Is Gonna Come

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There's an old friend  
That I once heard say  
Something that touched my heart  
And it began this way

I was born by the river  
In a little tent  
And just like the river  
I've been runnin' ever since

He said it's been a long time comin'  
But I know my change is gonna come, oh yeah

He said it's been too hard livin'  
But I'm afraid to die  
I might not be if I knew what was up there  
Beyond the sky

It's been a long, a long time comin'  
But I know my change has got to come, oh yeah

I went, I went to my brother  
And I asked him, "Brother  
Could you help me, please?"

He said, "Good sister  
I'd like to but I'm not able"  
And when I, when I looked around  
I was right back down  
Down on my bended knees, yes I was, oh

There've been times that I thought  
I thought that I wouldn't last for long  
But somehow right now  
I believe that I'm able, I'm able to carry on

I tell you that it's been a long  
And oh it's been an uphill journey, all the way  
But I know, I know, I know  
I know my change is gonna come

Sometimes  
I had to cry all night long, yes I did  
Sometimes  
I had to give up right, for what I knew was wrong

Yes it's been an uphill journey  
It's sure's been a long way comin', yes it has  
It's been real hard every step of the way  
But I believe, I believe

This evenin' my change is come  
Yeah, I tell you that my change is come