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

It's been a long
A long time comin', but I know
A change gonna come

It's been too hard livin'
But I'm afraid to die
I don't know what's up there
Beyond the sky

It's been a long
A long time comin', but I know
A change gonna come
Yes, it will

Then I go to my brother
And I say, "Brother, help me please"
But he winds up knockin' me
Back down on my knees

There been times when I thought I couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able to carry on

It's been a long
A long time comin', but I know
A change is gonna come
Yes, it is

A change gonna come...