

**“A Change is Gonna Come”**

Lyrics Written by *Sam Cooke*

I was born by the river in a little tent  
Oh and just like the river I've been running ever since  
It's been a long time, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die  
'Cause I don't know what's up there, beyond the sky  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change's gonna come, oh yes it will

I go to the movies and I go downtown  
Somebody keep tellin' me don't hang around  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change's gonna come, oh 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, oh

There have been times that 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 coming  
But I know a change's is gonna come, oh yes it will