

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

1964

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Intro: Bb9, A9, Ab9, G7 Strum=D DUD

First note=G

C
 I was born by the river, in a little tent,
Dm7 **Am**
 Oh and, just like that river, I've, been running, ever since.
C **Dm7** **F7** **E7**
 It's been a long... a long time coming, but I know, oh-oh-oh,
Am **C**
 A change is gonna come, oh, yes it will.

C
 It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die,
Dm7 **Am**
 'Cause I don't know what's out there, beyond the sky.
C **Dm7** **F7** **E7**
 It's been a long... a long time coming, but I know, oh-oh-oh,
Am **C**
 A change is gonna come, oh, yes it will.

C
 I go to the movie and I go downtown,
Dm7 **Am**
 Somebody keep telling me; don't hang around.
C **Dm** **F7** **E7**
 It's been a long... a long time coming, but I know, oh-oh-oh,
Am **C**
 A change is gonna come, oh, yes it will.

Bridge
Dm7 **C6** **Dm7** **Am**
 Then I go to my brother, and I say; brother, help me please
Dm7 **Am** **D9** **G7**
 But he winds up, knockin' me, back down on my knees, oh...

C
 There been times when I thought, I couldn't last for long,
Dm7 **Am**
 But now I think I'm able to, carry on.
C **Dm7** **F7** **E7**
 It's been a long... a long time coming, but I know, oh-oh-oh,
Am **C**
 A change is gonna come, oh, yes it will.

