

## **Otis Redding**

# **"A Change Is Gonna Come"**

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I was born by a river, oh my  
In this little old tent  
Oh, just like this river  
I've been running ever since  
It's been alone

Lord, I'm coming but I know, but I know  
A change is gotta come, now  
Yes, it is, my oh, my oh, my oh

It's been too hard livin', oh my  
And I'm afraid to die  
I don't know what's up there  
Beyond the clouds  
It's been alone

Lord, I'm coming but I know, but I know  
A change is gotta come  
Oh, yes it is, my oh, my oh, my

There's a time  
I will go to my brother, oh my  
I've asked my brother  
Will you help me please, oh now, oh now

He turned me down  
And then I asked my little mother, oh my  
I said mother, I said mother  
I'm down on my knees

It's been time that I go  
Lord, it's too late, very long, oh now, oh  
Somehow I thought I was still able  
To try to carry on  
It's been alone

Lord, but I'm coming that I've know  
A change is gonna come  
Oh, yes, it is

Just like I said  
I went to my little bitty brother, oh my, my little brother

I asked my brother  
Brother, help me please, oh now

He turned me down  
And then I go to my little mother  
My dear mother, oh now  
I said, "Mother?", I said, "Mother, I'm down on my  
knees?"

But there was a time that I go  
Lord, it's too late, so very long, oh, my oh  
Somehow I thought I was still able  
To try to carry on  
It's been alone

Lord, I'm coming but I know, but I know  
A change is gotta come  
It's been so long, it's been so long  
A little too long  
But change is gotta come

So tired, so tired of suffering  
Standing by myself  
And standing up alone  
But a change is gonna come

You know, I know  
You know that  
I know and I know  
And you know  
A change is gonna come

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