

## **Nina Simone**

# **"The Times They Are A-Changin'"**

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Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Above you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone.  
If your time to you  
Is worth savin'  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin', changin'.

Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again  
And don't speak too soon  
For the wheel's still in spin  
And there's no tellin' who  
That will be namin'.  
For the loser now  
Will be later to win  
For the times they are a-changin', changin'.

Come senators and congressmen  
Please heed the call  
Don't stand in the doorway  
Don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt  
Will be he who has stalled  
There's a battle outside  
And it is ragin'.  
For wind'll soon shake your windows  
And rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-changin', they are a-changin',  
Hey

Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
And don't criticize  
What you can't understand  
For your sons and your daughters

Are beyond your command  
Your old road is  
Rapidly agin'.  
Please get out of the new one  
If you can't lend your hand  
For the times they are a-changin', they are a-changin',

The line it is drawn  
And the curse it is cast  
And the slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past  
The order is  
Rapidly fadin'.  
For the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-changin', changin'.

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