

# A Change

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There's an old friend  
That I once heard say  
Something that touched my heart  
And it began this way

I was born by the river  
In a little tent  
And just like the river  
I've been runnin' ever since  
He said it's been a long time comin'  
But I know my change is gonna come  
Oh yeah

He said it's been too hard livin'  
But I'm afraid to die  
I might not be if I knew  
What was up there beyond the sky  
It's been a long, a long time comin'  
But I know my change has got to come  
Oh yeah

I went, I went to my brother  
And I asked him, "Brother  
Could you help me, please?"  
He said, "Good sister  
I'd like to but I'm not able"  
And when I, when I looked around  
I was right back down  
Down on my bended knees  
Yes I was, oh

There I've been times that I thought  
I thought that I wouldn't last for long  
But somehow right now I believe  
That I'm able, I'm able to carry on  
I tell you that it's been along  
And oh it's been an uphill journey  
All the way  
But I know, I know, I know  
I know my change is gonna come  
Sometimes I had to cry all night long  
Yes I did  
Sometimes I had to give up right  
For what I knew was wrong  
Yes it's been an uphill journey  
It's sure's been a long way comin'  
Yes it has  
It's been real hard  
Every step of the way  
But I believe, I believe  
This evenin' my change is come  
Yeah I tell you that  
My change is come