

# The Times They Are A-Changin'

Bob Dylan

1. Come gather round people wherever you roam  
and admit that the waters around you have grown  
and accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone  
if your time to you is worth saving  
then you'd better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone  
for the times they are a-changing.
2. Come writers and critics who prophesize with your pens  
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 telling who that it's naming  
but the loser now will be later to win  
for the times they are a-changing.
3. Come senators 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  
the battle outside ragging  
will soon shake your windows and rattle your halls  
for the times they are a-changing.
4. Come mothers and fathers all over this land  
and don't criticize what you can't understand  
your sons and your daughters are beyond your command  
your old role is rapidly aging  
please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand  
for the times they are a-changing.
5. The line it is drawn the curse it is cast  
the slow one now will later be fast  
and the present now will later be past  
the order is rapidly fading  
and the first one now will later be last  
for the times they are a-changing.