

# Change Gonna Come

Otis Redding

I was born by a river, oh my  
In this little old town, oh  
Just like this river  
I've been running ever since  
It's been a long, long, long

Long time coming but I know, but I know  
Changes gotta come, now  
Oh yes it is, my oh, my oh, my oh, my

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 a long, long, long

Long time coming but I know, but I know  
That changes gotta come  
Oh yes it is, my oh, my oh, my

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

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

It's been time that I know  
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 a long, long, long

Long time coming but I know  
That changes gonna come  
Oh yes, it is

Huh, 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, huh  
I said, "Mother", I said  
"Mother, I'm down on my knees"

But there was a time that I know  
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 a long, long

Long time coming but I know, but I know  
That changes gotta come, ho  
It's been so long, It's been so long  
A little long

But changes gotta come  
So tired, so tired of suffering  
Standing by myself  
Has given up a home

But changes gotta come  
You know and I know  
You know that I know  
And I know that you know  
Honey, that a change is gonna come  
Oh now, oh my, I gotta