

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

Words and Music by
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Slowly ♩ = 58

N.C.

A♭9(♯11) G♭9(♯11) F7



1. I was born...

mp *cresc.* *f rit.* *dim.* *a tempo*

(with pedal)

(♩ = ♩.)

Verses 1 & 2:



2. See additional lyrics

by the riv - er in a lit - tle tent, oh...

mf *a tempo*



and just like the riv - er, I've been a - run - nin' ev - er since... It's been a

B \flat Cm7 Eb7 D7

long, a long time com-in', but I know, oh-oo-oh, a

Gm 1. B \flat

change gon' come, oh yes, it will. 2. It's been

2. B \flat Verses 3 & 4:

yes, it will. 3. I go to the mov-ie and I
4. See additional lyrics

Cm7

go down town. Some-bod-y keep tell-in' me don't

Gm Bb

hang a - round. It's been a long, a long

To Coda ☺

Cm7 Eb7 D7 Gm

time com-ing, but I know, oh-oo-oh, a change gon' come, oh

Bridge:

Bb Cm7

yes, it will. Then I go, oh-oo-oh, to my

Bb6 Cm7

broth-er and I say, broth-er, help me

Gm Cm7 Gm

please. But he winds up knock-ing me

C9 F7 D.S. al Coda

back down on my knees, oh. 4. There've been

⊕ Coda Gm Bb

change gon' come, oh yes, it will.

Verse 2:

It's been too hard living but I'm afraid to die
 'Cause I don't know what's up there beyond the sky.
 It's been a long, a long time comin',
 But I know, oh-oo-oh,
 A change gonna come, oh yes, it will.

Verse 4:

There've been times that I thought
 I couldn't last for long
 But now I think I'm able to carry on
 It's been a long, a long time comin',
 but I know, oh-oo-oh, a change gonna come, oh yes, it will.