

Blowin' In The Wind

Words and music Bob Dylan ([not Lorre Wyatt](#))

Released on *Freewheelin'* (1963), *Greatest Hits I* (1967) and *Biograph* (1985), and in live versions on *Before The Flood* (1975), *Budokan* (1978) *Live 1975* (2002), and *No Direction Home* (2005)

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Freewheelin' Version

Capo 7th fret (sounding key D major)

G C /b D/a G
 How many roads must a man walk down
 G C /b G
 Before you call him a man?
 G C /b D/a G
 Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail
 G C /b D(/a and f#)
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 G C /b D/a G
 Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannon balls fly
 G C /b G
 Before they're forever banned?
 C /b D/a G C
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 C /b D/a G
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Chords:

G 320003
 C x32010
 C/b x20010
 D/a x00232
 D/f# 200232

How many years can a mountain exist
 Before it's washed to the sea?
 Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist
 Before they're allowed to be free?
 Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head,
 Pretending he just doesn't see?
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times must a man look up
 Before he can see the sky?
 Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have
 Before he can hear people cry?
 Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows
 That too many people have died?
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

No Direction Home Version (1963)

Recorded live at New York Town Hall, Dec 4, 1963

C F G C
 How many roads must a man walk down
 C F C G
 Before you call him a man?
 C F G C
 how many seas must a white dove sail
 C F C G G6 G7
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 C F G C
 How many times must the cannon balls fly
 C F C
 Before they're forever banned?
 F G C F
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 F G C
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Version From *Before The Flood* (1974)

G C G
 How many roads must a man walk down
 G C G
 Before you call him a man?
 G C G
 Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail
 G C D
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 G C G
 Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannon balls fly
 G C G
 Before they're forever banned?
 C D G C
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 C D G
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Live 1975 Version

(duet with Joan Baez)

G C G
 How many roads must a man walk down
 G C G
 Before you call him a man?
 G C G
 Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail
 G Am D
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 G C G
 Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannon balls fly
 G C G
 Before they're forever banned?
 C D G C
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 C D G
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Version From *Budokan* (1978)

D G/d D G/d
 How many roads must a man walk down
 D G/d D G/d
 Before you call him a man?
 D G/d D G/d
 How many seas must a white dove sail
 D G/d D A
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 D G/d D G/d
 How many times must the cannon balls fly
 D G/d D
 Before they're forever banned?
 Em A D A/c# Bm
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 G A D G/d D G/d
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Current Version (2002)

Submitted by Patrik Winkvist

C F C Csus4 C Csus2
 How many roads must a man walk down
 C F C Csus4 C
 Before you call him a man?
 C F C Csus4 C
 how many seas must a white dove sail
 C F G (C/g G7)
 Before she sleeps in the sand?
 C F C
 How many times must the cannon balls fly
 C F C
 Before they're forever banned?
 F G C F
 The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
 F G C
 The answer is blowin' in the wind.