## **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, longLong time coming but I know, but I know Changes gotta come, now

Oh yes it is, my oh, my oh, myIt'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, longLong 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 nowHe 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 ohSomehow I thought I was still able

To try to carry on

It's been a long, long, longLong time coming but I know

That changes gonna come

Oh yes, it isHuh, 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 downAnd 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 ohSomehow I thought I was still able

To try to carry on

It's been a long, longLong 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 longBut changes gotta come

So tired, so tired of suffering
Standing by myself
Has given up a homeBut 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

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