## A Change Is Gonna Come

## **Aretha Franklin**

There's an old friend that
I once heard say
Something that touched my heart
And it began this wayI was born by the river
In a little tent
And just like the river
I've been runnin ever since
He said it's been a long time comin'
But I know my change is gonna come
Oh yeahHe said it's been too hard livin'
But I'm afraid to die

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I might not be if I knew
What was up there
Beyond the sky

It's been a long, a long time comin'
But I know my change has got to come
Oh yeahI went, I went to my brother
And I asked him, brother
Could you help me, please?
He said, good sister
I'd like to but I'm not able

And when I, when I looked around

I was right back down

Down on my bended knees

Yes I was, ohThere've been times that I thought

I thought that I wouldn't last for long But somehow right now I believe

That I'm able, I'm able to carry onI tell you that it's been along

And oh it's been an uphill journey

All the way

But I know, I know I know my change is gonna come Sometimes I had to cry all night long

Yes I did

Sometimes

I had to give up rightFor what I knew was wrong
Yes it's been an uphill journey
It's sure's been a long way comin
Yes it hasIt's been real hard
Every step of the way

## But I believe, I believe This evenin' my change is come Yeah I tell you that My change is come

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