A Change Is Gonna Come

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There's an old friend
That I once heard say
Something that touched my heart
And it began this way
I 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 yeah
He said it's been too hard livin'
But I'm afraid to die
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 yeah
I 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, oh
There'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 on
I tell you that it's been a long
And oh it's been an uphill journey, all the way
But I know, 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 right, for what I knew was wrong
Yes it's been an uphill journey
It's sure's been a long way comin', yes it has
It'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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