

# From The Rolling Stones to Elton John: The Music of History

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## The Sound of the Civil Rights Movement "A Change Is Gonna Come"

Sam Cooke (1964)



### Aint That Good News?

I was born by the river in a little tent  
Oh and just like the river I've been running ev'r since  
It's been a long time, a long time coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will

It's been too hard livin', but I'm afraid to die  
'Cause I don't know what's up there, beyond the sky  
It's been a long time, a long time coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will

I go to the movie and I downtown  
Somebody keep tellin' me don't hang around  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will

Then I go to my brother  
And I say brother help me please  
But he winds up knockin' me  
Back down on mu knees, oh



There have 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 coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will

## The Sound of the Vietnam-Era "Gimme Shelter"

The Rolling Stones (1969)  
*Let It Bleed*



Oh, a storm is threat'ning / My very life today  
If I don't get some shelter / Oh yeah, I'm gonna fade away

War, children, it's just a shot away  
It's just a shot away  
War, children, it's just a shot away  
It's just a shot away



Ooh, see the fire is sweepin' / Our very street today  
Burns like a red coal carpet / Mad bull lost its way

War, children, it's just a shot away  
It's just a shot away  
War, children, it's just a shot away  
It's just a shot away

Rape, murder! / It's just a shot away / It's just a shot away  
Rape, murder! / It's just a shot away / It's just a shot away  
Rape, murder! / It's just a shot away / It's just a shot away

The flood is threat'ning / My very life today  
Gimme, gimme shelter / Or I'm gonna fade away

War, children, it's just a shot away  
It's just a shot away / It's just a shot away (x2)  
I'll tell you love, sister, it's just a kiss away  
It's just a kiss away / it's just a kiss away (x2)



## The Sound of A New Age "Your Song"

Elton John (1970)

It's a little bit funny this feeling inside  
I'm not one of the who can easily hide, I  
Don't have much money but boy if I did  
I'd buy a big house where we both could live



If I was a sculpture, but then again no  
Or a ma who makes potions in a traveling show  
Oh I know it's not much but it's the best I can do  
My gift is my song / And this one's for you

And you can tell everybody this is your song  
It may be quite simple but now that it's done  
I hope you don't mind / I hope you don't mind  
That I put down the words  
How wonderful life is while you're in the world

I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss  
Wee a few of the verses well they've got me quite cross  
But the sun's been quite kind / While I wrote this song  
It's for people like you that / Keep it turned on

So excuse me forgetting / but these things I do  
You see I've forgotten if they're green or they're blue  
Anyway, the thing is, what I really mean  
Yours are the sweetest guys I've ever seen

And you can tell everybody this is your song  
It may be quite simple but now that it's done  
I hope you don't mind / I hope you don't mind  
That I put down the words  
How wonderful life is while you're in the world

