

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
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