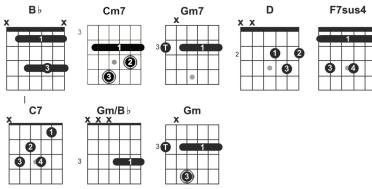
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Key: B♭
[Intro]
Bb Gm7-Gm-Gm7 Cm7 Bb Gm
[Verse 1]
                 Gm7-Gm-Gm7
I was born by the river,
Cm7
     in a little tent,
      Cm7
Oh and, just like that river, I've, been running,
Gm
  ever since.
    [Chorus]
   It's been a long...
    a long time coming, but I know, (oh, oh, ooooh)
      A change is gonna come,
    Oh, yes it will.
[Verse 2]
                     Gm7-Gm-Gm7
It's been too hard livin',
but I'm afraid to die,
  'Cos I don't know what's out there,
  beyond the sky.
    [Chorus]
   It's been a long...
                               Gm7
    a long time coming, but I know, (oh, oh, ooooh)
      A change is gonna come,
    Oh, yes it will.
[Verse 3]
                    Gm7-Gm-Gm7
I go to the movie
Cm7
and I go downtown,
                                    Em
  Somebody keep telling me;
  don't, hang around.
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[Chorus]

Bb
It's been a long...

Cm7 Gm7 D
a long time coming, but I know, (oh, oh, ooooh)
Gm/Bb
A change is gonna come,
Bb
Oh, yes it will.

[Bridge]
Am7 G6
Then I go to my brother,
Am7 Em
And I say; brother, help me please.
Am7 Em
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Am7 Em
But he winds up, knockin' me,
A9 D7
Back down on my knees, (oh...)

[Verse 4]
Bb Gm7-Gm-Gm7
Lor', there been times when I thought,
Cm7 Bb
I couldn't last for long,
Am7 Em
But now I think I'm able to,
Gm
Carry on.

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[Closing Chorus]

Bb

It's been a long...

Cm7 Gm7 D

a long time coming, but I know, (oh, oh, ooooh)

Gm/Bb

A change is gonna come,

Bb

Oh, yes it will.
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