THE TIMES...

They Are A-Changin’...

Now for the song...
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<th>Come writers and critics</th>
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<td>Wherever you roam</td>
<td>Who prophesize with your pen</td>
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<td>And admit that the waters</td>
<td>And keep your eyes wide</td>
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<td>Around you have grown</td>
<td>The chance won't come again</td>
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<td>And accept it that soon</td>
<td>And don't speak too soon</td>
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<td>You'll be drenched to the bone.</td>
<td>For the wheel's still in spin</td>
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<td>If your time to you</td>
<td>And there's no tellin' who</td>
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<td>Is worth savin'</td>
<td>That it's namin'.</td>
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<td>Then you better start swimmin'</td>
<td>For the loser now</td>
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<td>Or you'll sink like a stone</td>
<td>Will be later to win</td>
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<td>Please heed the call</td>
<td>Throughout the land</td>
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<td>Don't stand in the doorway</td>
<td>And don't criticize</td>
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<td>Don't block up the hall</td>
<td>What you can't understand</td>
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<td>For he that gets hurt</td>
<td>Your sons and your daughters</td>
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<td>Will be he who has stalled</td>
<td>Are beyond your command</td>
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<td>There's a battle outside ragin'.</td>
<td>Your old road is</td>
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<td>It'll soon shake your windows</td>
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<td>And rattle your walls</td>
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The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is
Rapidly fadin’.
And the first one now
Will later be last
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In 1963 Bob Dylan sang the song
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Did anyone realise then just how ‘prophetic’ this song would be?
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- The numbers of text and ‘whatsapp’ messages sent every day is more than 50 billion
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In 2008 a Russell Brand/Jonathan Ross prank phone call caused outrage – there were only 2 complaints in the first 24 hours.

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Other changes...

- International travel
- Health benefits
- Fuel prices
- Mobile communications
- Pay per view TV etc.
- Volume of traffic
- Any others?
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Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

1 Corinthians 3.18-23

What does the Bible say...

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?

Num 23.19

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind."

1 Sam 15.29
What does the Bible say...

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Heb 6.17-20

What does the Bible say...

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

Ps 119.89-90

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1.17
What does the Bible say...

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Dan 4.3

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev 1.8

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Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26.4

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For I am the LORD, I change not.

Malachi 3:6
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