

# Blowin' in the Wind

Words & Music by Bob Dylan © 1962 by Warner Bros. Inc.; renewed 1990 by Special Rider Music  
 Sing along with Bob Dylan @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G58XWF6B3AA>

*E A E*  
 How many roads must a man walk down,  
*E A E*  
 Before we call him a man?  
*E A E*  
 How many seas must a white dove sail,  
*E A B7*  
 Before she sleeps in the sand?  
*E A E*  
 How many times must the cannon balls fly,  
*E A B B7*  
 Before they`re forever banned ?

*E A E*  
 How many times must a man look up,  
*E A E*  
 Before he really sees the sky?  
*E A E*  
 How many ears must one person have,  
*E A B7*  
 Before he can hear people cry?  
*E A E*  
 How many deaths will it take till he knows,  
*E A B B7*  
 That too many people have died?

## CHORUS

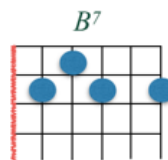
*A B7*  
 The answer, my friend,  
*E C#m7/G#*  
 Is blowing in the wind,  
*A B7 E*  
 The answer is blowing in the wind.



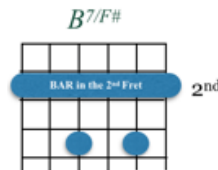
Intro & repeat twice on the last chorus

*E A E*  
 How many years can a mountain exist,  
*E A E*  
 Before it is washed to the sea?  
*E A E*  
 How many years can some people exist,  
*E A B7*  
 Before they`re allowed to be free?  
*E A E*  
 How many times can a man turn his head,  
*E A B B7*  
 And pretend that he just doesn't see?

## CHORUS



~ or ~



~ your choice.

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# Scripture and History

**John 3:8** "The wind\* blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

\*Wind; Greek ruwach רוח, the Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son

1. as inspiring ecstatic state of prophecy
2. as impelling prophet to utter instruction or warning
3. imparting warlike energy and executive and administrative power
4. as endowing men with various gifts
5. as energy of life
6. as manifest in the Shekinah glory
7. never referred to as a depersonalized force

**Revelation 6: 9-10** When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

"**Blowin' in the Wind**" was written by Bob Dylan in 1962 and released as a single on his album *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan* in 1963. Although it has been described as a protest song, it poses a series of rhetorical questions about peace, war, and freedom. The refrain "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind" has been described as 'impenetrably ambiguous': either the answer is so obvious it is right in your face, or the answer is as intangible as the wind".

In June 1962, the song was published in *Sing Out!*, accompanied by Dylan's comments:

"There ain't too much I can say about this song except that the answer is blowing in the wind. It ain't in no book or movie or TV show or discussion group. Man, it's in the wind — and it's blowing in the wind. Too many of these hip people are telling me where the answer is but oh I won't believe that. I still say it's in the wind and just like a restless piece of paper it's got to come down some ... But the only trouble is that no one picks up the answer when it comes down so not too many people get to see and know ... and then it flies away. I still say that some of the biggest criminals are those that turn their heads away when they see wrong and know it's wrong. I'm only 21 years old and I know that there's been too many ... You people over 21, you're older and smarter."

In 1994, "**Blowin' in the Wind**" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. In 2004, it was ranked number 14 on *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time".

*Wikipedia*

