

NOTHING'S CHANGED

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Sit-ins and picket lines for civil rights
Dogs and water hoses, crosses burning in the night
Was down in Mississippi, Emmett Till was lynched
Then down in Texas, James Byrd was dragged and ditched
James Byrd, James Byrd, a righteous name I know
Just change that James to Jim
And the bird is still a crow

Change, change nothing has changed
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Wash and ironed all the white folks clothes
Nursed their babies now she works in nursing homes
Had to be twice as good, to get half a chance
Still fired first and hired last
They talk about a glass ceiling, now don't you know
She's down on her knees on a concrete floor

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Landless against the landlord at home or abroad
Nothing's really changed, for what it's worth
Got you coming, got you going, it's all based on greed
You rent to own and the interest makes you bleed
Used to buy from the master at the company store
Now call it master card, it keeps the people poor

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KKK and Nazis march in Charlottesville
Spewing hate, carrying guns, wanting blood to spill
They're saluting Hitler and their President
They wave their rebel flags like the war ain't over yet
Some stand against them for democracy it's true
Star-spangled love in the red, white, and blue

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How can I be angry? There's been some change it's true
Too slowly in my lifetime, there's much more we can do

**Any time a child is hungry, any time there're homeless men
Any time there are no doctors and there is no medicine
Any time there's ethnic cleansing, any time there's genocide
Any time there's been a hate crime and freedom's been denied**

**Any time there is a war and religious persecution
A Shepherd or a Trayvon — another fatal shooting
Any time there is a ghetto, any time a reservation
Any time we meet up face to face with discrimination
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**Got to make a change
Here we are 2018
And the government is ripping babies from their mothers
Tearing families apart
And why am I not surprised, why am I not surprised
Horrified, but not surprised cuz it's been done before
100s of years ago, nothing's changed
Will it change, can it change??
It's got to change . . . change . . . change**