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The New Children

The campaigner-in-chief and his travelling road show
That reminds of the circus that comes into town
The carnival barkers indulge true believers
Until all eyes are fixed on the rambling clown
As he poisons the air with unceasing hatred
Fashioning straw men then dragging them down
And I wave goodbye to decency
And smile hello to a child

O the new children dance – I am young
All around their desire – I will live
In time with the pulse – I am strong
Of the ice and the fire – I can give
Painting the sky – Feel the change
With the colors of the sun – Seed of day
Freely they fly – Feel the change
As all become one – Know the way

The liar-in-chief and his translucent minions
Assaulting the truths on which all else depends
Their lies taking on a life of their own
Their deviant means justifying their ends
Obscuring the line between fact and fiction

Dividing us all into enemies and friends
And I wave goodbye to discourse
And smile hello to the rain

O the new children dance – I am young
All around their desire – I will live
In time with the pulse – I am strong
Of the ice and the fire – I can give
Painting the sky – Feel the change
With the colors of the sun – Seed of day
Freely they fly – Feel the change
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The distracter-in-chief and his constant deflections
Spinning every new outrage on the grave of the last
Weaving a web of deceit and corruption
Forsaking our future for his ignoble past
Evading an accounting of any consequence
With nets of avoidance that are constantly cast
And I wave goodbye to governance
And smile hello to a dream

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We Are The People

Having the right to live with dignity should not be negotiable

How far we have come

And still so far to go

Having the right to enjoy clean water and air

Should never be sacrificed to corporate greed

The price is just too dear

We are the power

We are the people

We can change anything at all

When it gets down to it

We can see to it

That the good will rise and the bad will fall

Having the right to vote and have your voice be heard

Should never be compromised

And those who would take that right away are wrong

We are the power

We are the people

We can change anything at all

When it gets down to it

We can see to it

That the good will rise and the bad will fall

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It's Just A Matter Of Time

When you swear an oath of loyalty
To the laws and customs that bind us
You are bound by your word to do all you can do
To put all this rancor behind us

When you swear an oath of fealty
To a web of lies and deceptions
You are bound to learn the truth of it all
And the truth will make no exceptions
It's just a matter of time

When you swear allegiance to a tribal worldview
You have lost your sense of direction
And when a wave of outrage breaks over you
There will be no chance for protection
It's just a matter of time

When a cold wind blows that wind somehow knows
Where defenses are the weakest
And a cold wind blows much colder for those
Whose prospects are the bleakest
It's just a matter of time

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It's My Country Too

Breaking down the rule of law
Trampling norms and conventions
Dismantling the government
It's plain to see those are your intentions

Disrespecting all that we stand for
Devaluing the truth with your lies
Disregarding all that we long for
With an arrogance you cannot disguise

We are the children of the future
It's my country too
It won't be up to you
What the future will be
We are the children of the future now
We've got some work to do
To get back to what is true
And what it means to be free

Your ignorance and foolish pride
Convince you that it's always about you
It's time for you to step aside
We'll get along just fine without you

We are the children of the future

It's my country too

It won't be up to you

What the future will be

We are the children of the future

We've got some work to do

To get back to what is true

And what it means to be free

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Seeking Freedom

All, except for the Indian Nations,
Are descended from immigrants
Risking everything to come here
Sacrificing their innocence for the promise of a dream
And they came seeking freedom
They all came seeking freedom
And they came seeking a new life
They all came seeking a new life

Many others are similarly drawn now
In a way the heart understands
To the land of many peoples
To the people of many lands
With the same hopes and for the same dream
They come seeking freedom
They all come seeking freedom
They come seeking a new life
They all come seeking a new life

If the beacon of light is extinguished
Then no others can find the way
If we solve the problems before us
And if we balance the forces at play
We'll do what's right and keep the dream alive
And they will come seeking freedom

Seeking freedom

They will come seeking a new life

Seeking a new life

They will come seeking freedom

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Free-For-All

You've got to stand for something
It might as well be what you believe
You can't let anyone dictate what your fate will be
Everyone has a point of view
We all think we have the answer
And the truth be told no one knows much of anything for sure

You get drawn in to the madness
From either side it's a quick decline
Then you think there is no other way that it can be
But in the circumstance of here and now
There is no turning back
Everything depends on this
You have everything to lose

They say that no one wins a free-for-all
They say that everyone becomes battle-weary

When fighting back is all you've got
And everything is a battle
Keeping on keeping on is all that you can do
But when you fight the good fight alone

It seems like all the world is against you

And when you live to fight another day it makes it all worthwhile

They say that no one wins a free-for-all

They say that everyone becomes battle-weary

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Just Say Goodbye

You've found yourself in a bad way

You feel the walls closing in

You long for a new day and for battles that you can win

One thing that is clear now is that this cannot go on

The hope is that somehow the will to make it through this is not gone

Actions have consequences

The truth does not lie

You rely on defenses that a fool would not dignify

Your denials are pointless

No one will believe

Your advantage is tenuous

There is no one left to deceive

Your lies will not save you

The truth will abide

What will most likely defeat you is the sense of decency that you defied

Your reputation precedes you

You will be caught in a lie

The best thing you can do

Would be to own up and just say goodbye

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Banana Republic

In a banana republic everyone is free
Unless they lock you up and throw away the key
Everyone is very happy
Except for those who criticize
The top banana is above the law
Loyalty to him is required
And if you dare to speak against him you soon will end up fired

In a banana republic there can be no doubt
Over what the government should be about
The leaders rule in their own favor
The common people agonize
The top banana is a deity
Demanding of respect and adoration
And if you dare to disbelieve you soon will face damnation

In a banana republic you can cast your votes
Unless you don't agree with what the state promotes
There are never different points of view
There is no need for compromise
The top banana reigns supreme
And every word he speaks is full of wisdom
Unless you dare to disagree you soon will lose your freedom **BACK TO INDEX**

Your Web Of Lies

All the time you were planning for the end
Never mind how you got there
With no remorse and no honor to defend
Wanting more than your fair share
All the time you regarded anyone as a friend
If they could help you weave your web of lies

All the time you were only leading me on
Never mind what is really true
With no relenting until all civility was gone
Needing everything to be about you
All the time that conclusion could have been drawn
If I had only seen through your web of lies

All the time you knew what you were on about
Never mind what has been compromised
With no resistance within or without
Knowing all that could have been realized
But all the time will seem such a long time no doubt
If you are left alone to your web of lies

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One Way Or The Other

There was once a common cause
Nobody had to have it all their own way
Everybody still believed in the common good
And it was understood that when you rationalize
And refuse to compromise
You are just a part of the problem

One way or the other
Decisions that will shape the future will soon be upon us
One way or the other it'll all get sorted out
Just winners and losers

There was once a code of conduct
Nobody dared to defy it
Everybody recognized that civility precluded enmity
And when you demonize and refuse to compromise
You are just a part of the problem

One way or the other
Decisions that will shape the future will soon be upon us
One way or the other it'll all get sorted out
Just winners and losers

Now there is no middle ground
Nobody is at all uncertain

Everybody is digging in for the long haul
And it escapes them all
That when you moralize and refuse to compromise
You are just a part of the problem

One way or the other
Decisions that will shape the future will soon be upon us
And we cannot turn away
One way or the other it'll all get sorted out
Just winners and losers in this convoluted world
One way or the other

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The Times They Are a'Changin'

B. Dylan

Come gather round people wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a'changin'

Come writers and critics who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide – the chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon for the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who that it's namin'
For the loser now will be later to win
For the times they are a'changin'

Come senators, congressman, please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway – don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt will be he who has stalled
There's a battle outside and it's ragin'
It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls
For the times they are a'changin'

Come mothers and fathers throughout the land
And don't criticize what you can't understand
Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command

Your old road is rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand
For the times they are a'changin'

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
For the times they are a'changin'

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Political Square Dance

Swing your partner, do-si-do
It's square dance time at the rodeo
Ain't it funny how folks can get along
When they all agree that there's nothin' wrong with dancin'
And a little moonshine
Differences seem so small
And it works out just fine

Promenade proudly for your base
If pride precedes a fall from grace
And if the base is wrong then so are you
So tell me, what're you gonna do with questions
That have no answers
You'll be out there all alone
Just you and the dancers

Slip the clutch and put 'er to the floor
We've all been down this road before
Where one side's day and the other side's night
But nothin's ever so black and white in real life
It's mostly just grey
In various shades for sure
But mostly just grey

Wheel and deal to your heart's content
But it's just plain wrong that you're so hell-bent
On takin' from those with less than you
You might just want to think about who you're foolin'
And who wins in the end
The man with a heart of gold
Or the man without a friend

Ladies in while the men sashay
I reckon it's always been that way
But times sure change and people do too
So men and lads, whatever you do, remember
It's not your world anymore
And now the fair sex has a way of evening up the score

Pass through, separate, and go home
You can be sure, wherever you roam,
That folks are the same most everywhere
And I reckon what they all want most is a share of the good life
And a little camaraderie
And to make that dream come true
It starts with you and me

Backtrack only if you dare
You're bound to get caught up somewhere
Between your past and the here and now
And that's when you'll have to figure out how to get out of it
And how to leave it all behind
You could do a whole lot worse
Than to admit you changed your mind

U-turn back to a bygone day
The sun was shinin', you were makin' hay
But the sun doesn't just belong to you
And sure enough everybody sees things through their own eyes
And the future has a way,
Whatever you say or do,
Of happenin' anyway

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