

The answer is blowing in the wind

by Bob Dylan

How many _____ must a man walk down
Before you _____ him a man?
How many _____ must a white dove sail
Before she _____ in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs _____
Before they're forever _____?

The _____, my friend, is blowin' in the _____
The _____ is blowin' in the _____

Yes, and how many years must a mountain _____
Before it is washed to the _____?
And how many years can some people _____
Before they're allowed to be _____?
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The _____, my friend, is blowin' in the _____
The _____ is blowin' in the _____ -

Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the _____?
And how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people _____?
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?

The _____, my friend, is blowin' in the _____
The _____ is blowin' in the _____

"**Blowin' in the Wind**" is a song written by **Bob Dylan** in 1962 and released as a single and 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".^[2]

In 1994, the song 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**"