

# 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".<sup>[2]</sup>

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"