

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Charlie Bermant, with news and commentary for Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Today, this radio station is joining other stations nationwide to commemorate George Floyd. We rise and grieve with a song, when our pain has no words.

Sam Cooke wrote *A Change is Gonna Come* after being turned away from a whites-only motel in 1963. On this day, Cooke's classic reminds us that, even amid senseless loss, our hope cannot be broken.

The Rev. Martin Luther King once said, "change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle." Together, we work for a better future, one where cases like this are a distant, tragic memory.

We now join friends across America to share a song on the day of George Floyd's funeral. Thank you for being a part of this community, and for supporting this station..

A Change Is Gonna Come

By Sam Cooke

I was born by the river in a little tent
Oh and just like the river I've been running ev'r since
It's been a long time, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will
It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die
'Cause I don't know what's up there, beyond the sky
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will
I go to the movie and I go downtown
Somebody keep tellin' me don't hang around
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will
Then I go to my brother
And I say brother help me please
But he winds up knockin' me
Back down on my knees, oh
There have been times that I thought I couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able to carry on
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will