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Esipuhe

Kun tieto Bob Dylanille myönnetystä Nobelin kirjallisuuspalkinnosta viikko sitten tuli, mielessäni käväisi välittömästi hänen varhaistuotantonsa laulu "The Times They Are A-Changin'" (Ajat muuttuvat), jota itsekin lauloin sielu liekeissä Hootenanny-illoissa alle parikymppisenä trubaduurina 1960-luvun alkupuolella. Niihin aikoihin aloin myös rohkaistua kirjoittamaan omia lauluja.

Dylanin vaikutus tulevaan musiikkiini, ajatteluuni ja kirjoittamiseeni oli ratkaiseva. Hänen laulujensa rohkeat, ajan oloon suorastaan julkeat kannanottonsa ja Yhdysvaltojen valtakoneiston häpeilemätön ja kriittinen läpivalaisu piiskasivat ja kannustivat suomalaista teinilyyrikkoakin kirjoittamaan omaa protestiaan käsittämättömiä sotia ja ihmisten eriarvoisuutta vastaan.

Dylan lopetti lauluillaan rock- ja popmusiikin "viattomuuden ajan", puhkaisi amerikkalaisten nilkkasukka- ja poninhäntätyttöjen ja *crew cut* -tukkaisten collegepoikien romanttisen 60-luvun alun kuplan.

Robert Allen Zimmermanilla (vuodesta 1962 Bob Dylan) oli paljon pidempi matka Minnesotan Hibbingin kaivoskaupungista New Yorkin Greenwich Villagen folkklubeille kuin minulla Helsingin Töölöstä Kaivopuistoon British Societyn tiloissa toimineelle Hootenanny & Folk -klubille, jonka isäntänä toimi silloin muuan Martti Ahtisaari ja housebändinä Hootenanny Trio. Klubilla laulettiin jo syksyllä 1964 joitakin Dylanin lauluja, vaikka tekijästä oli Suomessa varsin niukasti tietoa.

Dylanin laulut olivat tulleet kuitenkin tunnetuiksi varsinkin folktrio Peter, Paul & Maryn ja folk-blueslaulajatar Odettan hienoina tulkintoina. Ensin mainitun levytyksestä "Blowin' in the Wind" kehkeytyi myös kansainvälinen hitti vuonna 1963 ja sittemmin yksi Yhdysvaltojen kansalaisoikeusliikkeen lippulauluista.

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Bob Dylan

Talking New York Song to Woody

lisäksi varhaiset sanoitukset

Hard Times in New York Town **Talking Bear Mountain Picnic Massacre Blues** Rambling, Gambling Willie Standing on the Highway **Poor Boy Blues Ballad for a Friend** Man on the Street Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues The Death of Emmett Till Let Me Die in My Footsteps Baby, I'm in the Mood for You Long Ago, Far Away Ain't Gonna Grieve **Gypsy Lou Long Time Gone** Walkin' Down the Line Train A-Travelin' **Ballad of Donald White Quit Your Low Down Ways** I'd Hate to Be You on That Dreadful Day **Mixed Up Confusion Hero Blues Tomorrow Is a Long Time** Bob Dylan's New Orleans Rag **All Over You** John Brown

Farewell

Big City Blues by 306 Dylan 1961

I Leen thinkin' a out you darling
You been on my mind
But i cant stay long in this here town
I ain't the settlin' kind
Rain is crashin on the roof
My boots are a language free free town
Got to keep movin' on
You know i got to go

Goin' to New York city

Gonna find my way

Gonna play in the biggest nightclu

underneath the lights of ol'Broadway

Heard lots a things about that big town

Heard the streets are life gold

Gonna dig me up a brick take it to the lank

gonna roll, jelly rall

Talking New York

Ramblin' outa the wild West Leavin' the towns I love the best Thought I'd seen some ups and downs 'Til I come into New York town People goin' down to the ground Buildings goin' up to the sky

Wintertime in New York town
The wind blowin' snow around
Walk around with nowhere to go
Somebody could freeze right to the bone
I froze right to the bone
New York Times said it was the coldest winter in seventeen years
I didn't feel so cold then

I swung onto my old guitar Grabbed hold of a subway car And after a rocking, reeling, rolling ride I landed up on the downtown side Greenwich Village

I walked down there and ended up In one of them coffee-houses on the block Got on the stage to sing and play Man there said, "Come back some other day You sound like a hillbilly We want folk singers here"

Well, I got a harmonica job, begun to play Blowin' my lungs out for a dollar a day I blowed inside out and upside down The man there said he loved m' sound He was ravin' about how he loved m' sound Dollar a day's worth

And after weeks and weeks of hangin' around I finally got a job in New York town In a bigger place, bigger money too Even joined the union and paid m' dues

Now, a very great man once said
That some people rob you with a fountain pen
It didn't take too long to find out
Just what he was talkin' about
A lot of people don't have much food on their table
But they got a lot of forks 'n' knives
And they gotta cut somethin'

So one mornin' when the sun was warm I rambled out of New York town Pulled my cap down over my eyes And headed out for the western skies So long, New York Howdy, East Orange

Blowin' in the Wind

How many roads must a man walk down Before you call him a man? Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail Before she sleeps in the sand? Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannonballs fly Before they're forever banned? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many years can a mountain exist Before it's washed to the sea? Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist Before they're allowed to be free? Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head Pretending he just doesn't see? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

California

(varhainen versio kappaleesta "Outlaw Blues")

I'm goin' down south
'Neath the borderline
I'm goin' down south
'Neath the borderline
Some fat momma
Kissed my mouth one time

Well, I needed it this morning Without a shadow of doubt My suitcase is packed My clothes are hangin' out

San Francisco's fine You sure get lots of sun San Francisco is fine You sure get lots of sun But I'm used to four seasons California's got but one

Well, I got my dark sunglasses
I got for good luck my black tooth
I got my dark sunglasses
And for good luck I got my black tooth
Don't ask me nothin' about nothin'
I just might tell you the truth

Just Like a Woman

Nobody feels any pain
Tonight as I stand inside the rain
Ev'rybody knows
That Baby's got new clothes
But lately I see her ribbons and her bows
Have fallen from her curls
She takes just like a woman, yes, she does
She makes love just like a woman
But she breaks just like a little girl

Queen Mary, she's my friend
Yes, I believe I'll go see her again
Nobody has to guess
That Baby can't be blessed
Till she sees finally that she's like all the rest
With her fog, her amphetamine and her pearls
She takes just like a woman, yes, she does
She makes love just like a woman, yes, she does
And she aches just like a woman
But she breaks just like a little girl

It was raining from the first
And I was dying there of thirst
So I came in here
And your long-time curse hurts
But what's worse
Is this pain in here
I can't stay in here
Ain't it clear that—

I just can't fit
Yes, I believe it's time for us to quit
When we meet again
Introduced as friends
Please don't let on that you knew me when
I was hungry and it was your world
Ah, you fake just like a woman, yes, you do
You make love just like a woman, yes, you do
Then you ache just like a little girl

If Not for You

If not for you Babe, I couldn't find the door Couldn't even see the floor I'd be sad and blue If not for you

If not for you
Babe, I'd lay awake all night
Wait for the mornin' light
To shine in through
But it would not be new
If not for you

If not for you
My sky would fall
Rain would gather too
Without your love I'd be nowhere at all
I'd be lost if not for you
And you know it's true

If not for you
My sky would fall
Rain would gather too
Without your love I'd be nowhere at all
Oh! what would I do
If not for you

If not for you
Winter would have no spring
Couldn't hear the robin sing
I just wouldn't have a clue
Anyway it wouldn't ring true
If not for you

'Cross the Green Mountain

(elokuvasta Jumalan miekka)

I crossed the green mountain, I slept by the stream Heaven blazin' in my head, I dreamt a monstrous dream Something came up out of the sea Swept through the land of the rich and the free

I look into the eyes of my merciful friend And then I ask myself, is this the end? Memories linger, sad yet sweet And I think of the souls in heaven who will meet

Altars are burning with flames falling wide
The foe has crossed over from the other side
They tip their caps from the top of the hill
You can feel them come, more brave blood to spill

Along the dim Atlantic line
The ravaged land lies for miles behind
The light's comin' forward and the streets are broad
All must yield to the avenging God

The world is old, the world is gray
Lessons of life can't be learned in a day
I watch and I wait and I listen while I stand
To the music that comes from a far better land

Close the eyes of our Captain, peace may he know His long night is done, the great leader is laid low He was ready to fall, he was quick to defend Killed outright he was by his own men

It's the last day's last hour of the last happy year I feel that the unknown world is so near Pride will vanish and glory will rot But virtue lives and cannot be forgot

The bells of evening have rung
There's blasphemy on every tongue
Let them say that I walked in fair nature's light
And that I was loyal to truth and to right

Serve God and be cheerful, look upward beyond Beyond the darkness that masks the surprises of dawn In the deep green grasses of the blood stained wood They never dreamed of surrendering. They fell where they stood Stars fell over Alabama, I saw each star You're walkin' in dreams whoever you are Chilled are the skies, keen is the frost The ground's froze hard and the morning is lost

A letter to mother came today Gunshot wound to the breast is what it did say But he'll be better soon he's in a hospital bed But he'll never be better, he's already dead

I'm ten miles outside the city and I'm lifted away In an ancient light that is not of day They were calm, they were blunt, we knew 'em all too well We loved each other more than we ever dared to tell

Roll on John

Doctor, doctor, tell me the time of day Another bottle's empty, another penny spent He turned around and he slowly walked away They shot him in the back and down he went

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

From the Liverpool docks to the red light Hamburg streets Down in the quarry with the Quarrymen Playing to the big crowds, playing to the cheap seats Another day in the life on your way to your journey's end

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

Sailing through the trade winds bound for the South Rags on your back just like any other slave They tied your hands and they clamped your mouth Wasn't no way out of that deep, dark cave

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

I heard the news today, oh boy
They hauled your ship up on the shore
Now the city gone dark, there is no more joy
They tore the heart right out and cut it to the core

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John Put down your bags and get 'em packed Leave right now, you won't be far from wrong The sooner you go, the quicker you'll be back You been cooped up on an island far too long

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

Slow down, you're moving way too fast Come together right now over me Your bones are weary, you're about to breathe your last Lord, you know how hard that it can be

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

Roll on John, roll through the rain and snow Take the right hand road and go where the buffalo roam They'll trap you in an ambush 'fore you know Too late now to sail back home

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

Tyger, tyger, burning bright I pray the Lord my soul to keep In the forest of the night Cover him over, and let him sleep

Shine your light Move it on You burned so bright Roll on, John

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»Jo viidenkymmenen vuoden ajan maailma on nauttinut Bob Dylanin sanoista, jotka ovat haastaneet, lumonneet, koskettaneet, kummastuttaneet, kaihtaneet määritelmiä, kiehtoneet ja muistuttaneet, että nerous on vapaa kaikista kahleista.»

- Christopher Ricks, professori, kirjallisuudentutkija

Nobelin kirjallisuuspalkintolautakunta palkitsi Bob Dylanin uuden runollisen ilmaisun luomisesta amerikkalaiseen lauluperinteeseen. Kappaleet, kuten Blowin' in the Wind, Mr. Tambourine Man, Like a Rolling Stone, Knockin' on Heaven's Door, Hurricane ja Make You Feel My Love, ovat jättäneet lähtemättömän jäljen monen kuuntelijasukupolven sieluun.

Tähän ainutlaatuiseen teokseen on koottu englanninkielisinä kaikki Dylanin sanoitukset hänen jokaiselta albumiltaan uran varhaisvuosilta tähän päivään asti. Dylan on tarkistanut sanoituksensa tätä teosta varten ja muokannut kymmenien laulujen lyriikoita. Lisäksi mukana on monia sellaisia sanoituksia, jotka eivät koskaan päätyneet levylle.

Suomenkielisen esipuheen teokseen on kirjoittanut Pro Finlandia -palkinnolla ja lukuisilla muilla huomionosoituksilla palkittu suomalaisen rocklyriikan suuri nimi Heikki »Hector» Harma.

