

Blowin' in the wind

Who is Bob Dylan?

Bob Dylan is one of the most **influential** singer-songwriters of the 20th century, known for songs that reflected social and political issues, for example, songs protesting war, nuclear weapons or **injustice**. Bob Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota. While attending college, he began performing folk and country songs, taking the name "Bob Dylan." In 1961, Dylan signed his first recording contract. He became one of the most original and influential voices in American popular music. Dylan has received Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

"**Blowin'** in the Wind" is a song written by Bob Dylan in 1962. It was released on his album called "The **Freewheelin'** Bob Dylan" in 1963. The song asks a series of questions about peace, war and freedom. The **refrain** "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind" has many meanings. After we listen to the song and work on the exercise, we'll talk about what the song means to you.



Vocabulary

- **Influential:** having the power to cause changes; having influence.
- **Injustice:** unfair treatment due to a situation in which the rights of a person or a group of people are ignored.
- **Blowin':** a shortened and informal way of saying "blowing."
- **Freewheelin':** a shortened way of saying freewheeling that means free and loose in style or manner; not held back by rules, duties, or worries.
- **Refrain:** a phrase or verse that is repeated regularly in a poem or song.