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Change Don't Come Easy

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GLADYS

Yeah, I went to their church
and heard them people pray and chant.
And you was right about one thing, Huey:
colored folk sing like white people can't.

He told us to pray some, he told us to sway some,
he told us the good Lord made us equal inside.
He told us we were sinners, he told us we were winners,
he told us to change or our spirits will die.
But change don't come easy, you gotta believe me,
It ain't gonna happen overnight.
Change don't come quickly, no, not partic'ly,
it takes time to make all the wrongs right.

He said change don't come easy.

DELRAY/GATOR/BOBBY:

No, don't come easy.

GLADYS

Change never comes easy.

TRIO:

Never comes easy.

GLADYS

I was taught to hate them, was taught to denigrate them.
I was taught they were lesser in the good Lord's eyes.
Can't drink from the same fountain.
I'll scream it from the mountain!
I'm through with buyin' their blasphemous lies.
(add TRIO)
But change don't come easy,
GLADYS
you better believe me.

That is somethin' that you just can't refute.

(add TRIO)

'Cause change don't come quickly,

GLADYS

no, not partic'ly.

So get in their and put on that suit!

I said change don't come easy

TRIO:

Listen to your mama.

GLADYS

Yeah, change never comes easy.

TRIO

So stop with all the drama!

GLADYS

My boy loves your sister. We both know that, mister,

This ain't no temporary phase.

"Cause my boy is stupid, he's been shot by Cupid,
so we gotta change our intolerant ways.

The Rev'rend helped me find my way
to carry on and pray that there's a better day!

So won't you come join me!

You gotta come join me, join me as I testify!

TRIO

Yeah!

GLADYS

(spoken)

Woo!

(sung)

Gotta 'lectrify!

GATOR

'Lectrify!

GLADYS

Gonna mystify!

BOBBY

Mystify!

GLADYS

We gonna glorify!

GATOR/BOBBY

Glorify!

GLADYS
You know I want to prettify!
DELRAY
Prettify!
GLADYS
It's all about do or die!
TRIO
Do or die!
GLADYS
Come on, everybody justify!
TRIO
Justify!
GLADYS
Hear my battle cry!
TRIO
Battle cry!
GLADYS
Easy as apple pie!
TRIO
Apple pie! Oo ah.
GLADYS
I gotta testify!

GLADYS
(spoken)
One, two...
GLADYS and TRIO *(sung)*
Change don't come easy!