

**DOLLY PARTON'S
"TURN, TURN, TURN
(TO EVERYTHING
THERE IS A SEASON)"
AND THE
ECCLESIASTES**

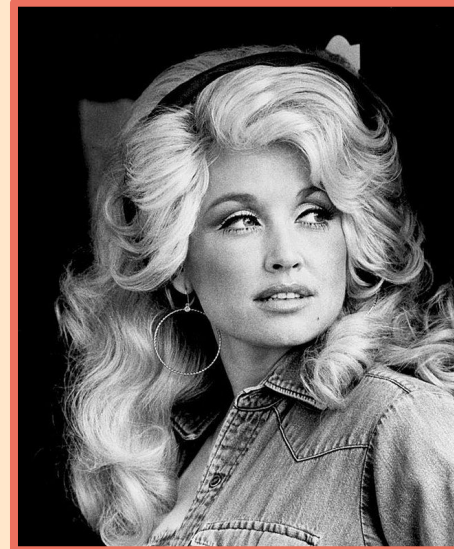
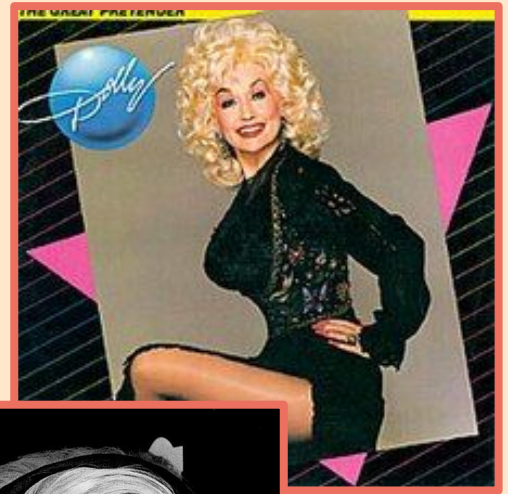
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“TURN, TURN, TURN (TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON)”

- Released by Dolly Parton in 1984 as the third track of the album *The Great Pretender*
- Originally written and performed by the Byrds in 1965
- Lyrics come directly from chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes
- Ecclesiastes attributed to King Solomon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmYcWkkOMgc>



LYRIC COMPARISON- CHORUS

CHORUS “TURN, TURN, TURN”

“To everything
Turn, turn, turn
There is a season
Turn, turn, turn
**And a time to every
purpose under Heaven”**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

“For everything there is
a season, and a time for
every matter under
heaven”



LYRIC COMPARISON- VERSES

VERSE 1 “TURN, TURN, TURN”

“A time to be born, a time to
die

A time to plant, a time to
reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to
weep”

ECCLESIASTES 3:2-4

“A time to be born, a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time **to
plant what is planted;**

A time to kill, and a time to heal;



**A time to break down, and a time
to build up;**

A time to weep, and a time to
laugh”





SIGNIFICANCE

- The Ecclesiastes is widely considered one of the most modern feeling books of the Bible
 - continued recreation of chapter three through song is evidence of its wide appeal across the ages
 - Contemporary audiences are able to resonate with the message of the song, even removed from the context of the Bible
 - It touches on universal themes and images that are accessible to most audiences
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THANK YOU!

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