

Nina Simone

Nina Simone was a singer, musician, and civil rights activist. She was born Eunice Kathleen Waymon on February 21, 1933, in Tryon, North Carolina. She took to music at an early age, learning to play piano at the age of 4, and singing in her church's choir. The sixth of seven children, Simone grew up poor. Her music teacher helped establish a special fund to pay for Simone's education and, after finishing high school, Simone won a scholarship to New York City's famed Juilliard School of Music to train as a classical pianist.

By the mid-1960s, Simone became known as the voice of the civil rights movement. She wrote "Mississippi Goddam" in response to the 1963 assassination of Medgar Evers and the Birmingham church bombing that killed four young African-American girls. After the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, Simone penned "Why (The King of Love Is Dead)." She died on April 21, 2003, at her home in Carry-le-Rouet, France.

Feeling Good

Birds _____ high you know how I feel
Sun in the _____ you know how I feel
Beats drillin' on by you know how I feel

It's a new _____
It's a new _____
It's a new _____
For me
And I'm feeling good

_____ in the sea you know how I feel
Rivers _____ flow you know how I feel
Blossoms on the _____ you know how I feel

(Chorus)

Dragonfly out in the sun you know what I
mean, don't you know
_____ all busin' but you know what I
mean
Sleep in _____ when day is done
That's what I mean

And this old world is a _____
And a bold world
For me

_____ when you think you know how I feel
Scent of the _____ you know how I feel
Oh _____ is mine
And I know how I feel

