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**Here is the Nottingham Music Hub playlist titled ‘Embracing Change’.**

See our list of songs with a link to the YouTube playlist [here](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8uczjIbAr9gtPpQKpo6UQ_pRj8VK2DX1&si=4RvDFoNHWAM-9vyY). You can also create your own list on Spotify or another audio app by using the song titles below.

We’ve shared a brief introduction to the piece as well. Enjoy!

1. **Man in the Mirror *by Michael Jackson***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9NYDgbKsBE>

“Man in the Mirror” is by American singer-songwriter Michael Jackson. It is one of Jackson’s most critically acclaimed songs and was nominated for *Record of the Year* at the Grammy Awards.

1. **Courage to Change *by Sia***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWQACEqf4QY>

This song is by Australian singer-songwriter Sia and was released in 2020. It talks about the fear of changing and having no purpose but believing that one is never alone in any situation.

1. **I won’t back down *by Tom Petty***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvlTJrNJ5lA>

This song is by American rock musician Tom Petty. It was released in April 1989 as the lead single from his first solo album *Full Moon Fever*. The song was co-written by Petty and Jeff Lynne, his writing partner for the album.

1. **I will survive *by Gloria Gaynor***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dYWe1c3OyU>

"I Will Survive" is a song by American singer Gloria Gaynor, released in October 1978. It was written by Freddie Perren and Dino Fekaris. The song describes the narrator’s discovery of personal strength following a breakup.

1. **Change *by Blind Melon***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=974ePdYMz4Q>

This song is by Blind Melon, an American band from the 1990s. This song was written by their lead vocalist Shannon Hoon. Shannon used to sing the song to his mother and she grew very fond of it. His gravestone is inscribed with the following lines from the song: *‘I know we can’t all stay here forever  
So I want to write my words on the face of today and they’ll paint it’*

1. **Graduation (Friends Forever) *by Vitamin C***  
   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kP--W98zZ7k>

“Graduation (Friends Forever)” is Vitamin C’s most popular hit to date. Vitamin C was the professional name for Colleen Ann Fitzpatrick, who is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer, and actress.

1. **Wind of Change *by Scorpions***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_-ZuVy76yg>

Written by vocalist Klaus Meine, “Wind of Change” is a power ballad about the various social and political changes that were happening in Eastern Europe in 1990, especially in Moscow, Russia where the band got their inspiration to write the song after performing in a large festival there. “Wind of Change” ended up as one of the biggest-selling singles of all time, selling over 14 million copies while also becoming the best-selling single from a German artist.

1. **Imagine *by John Lennon***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugrAo8wEPiI>

‘Imagine’ is a song by the English rock musician [John Lennon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Lennon) from his 1971 [album of the same name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imagine_(John_Lennon_album)). The best-selling single of his solo career, the lyrics encourage listeners to imagine a world of peace, without [materialism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_materialism) and without borders separating nations. Shortly before his [death](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_John_Lennon), Lennon said that much of the song's lyrics and content came from his wife, [Yoko Ono](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoko_Ono), and in 2017 she received cowriting credit.

1. **Barre *by Songhoy Blues***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tbSCwXlI8o>

Barre is by the Songhoy Blues, a desert blues music group from Timbuktu, Mali. The band was formed in Bamako after being forced to leave their homes during the civil conflict. The song is sung in Songhai and translated in French and English. Talking about the track, Aliou from the band said: “Barre means change. We need change. In the song we are inviting youth to get involved in politics and government to bring about change because they understand the actual challenges we face today.”

1. **Make a Change by *Ole Børud***

<https://youtu.be/A6gGLetsQ8g?si=B7GG7xiXlUsr8HeN>

Ole Arnold Børud is a Norwegian singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, producer, and engineer known both for his solo recordings and as a member of bands. “Make a Change” carries a powerful message about the need to address the problems of hate, division, and indifference in the world. Through its catchy and upbeat melody, the song invites listeners to reflect on the current state of society and the role they can play in making a positive difference.

1. **Suno Ke Main Hun Jawan *by Noori***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cc794FMYyeE>

This is an uplifting song in Urdu by Pakistani rock band called ‘Noori’. The title can be translated as ‘Listen up, I’m young!’. The song is about the energy of youth and how the whole world stretches out before us with its highs and lows.