

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2011 **EVENING STANDARD**

Knocking on Dylan's door

BOB Dylan turns 70 today and one of his biggest fans, poet and publishing tycoon Felix Dennis, is "re-releasing" his tribute to one of his favourite singers. The ode by Dennis, who chose Dylan's *One Too Many Mornings* as a Desert Island Disc, goes thus:

*In Juarez, where it never rains,
A weatherman with leather veins
Has bulldozed Desolation Row,
And franchised 'Tambourines-to-go'.*

*The Zimmerman's a Zimmer frame,
A tombstone in the Hall of Fame;
No shelter from the locust mob
Still howlin' 'Is it rollin', Bob?
Still stealin' coal from Woody's dream?'
A loco' losin' heat and steam,
A slow train blowin' low and clear,
But I still play yr songs... y'hear?
Them tracks were built on blood
and gold,
Damn, Bobby, how'd we get so old?*