

**The Way It Is**  
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Tabbed by: \_bfunk\_

Tuning: standard

x- mute/slap

strum bottom four chords on intro

INTRO:

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e| |-----| --2----2-2-x| ---2-----2-2-x| |
B| |-----| --3----3-3-x| ---3-----3-3-x| |
G| |-----| --2----2-2-x| ---2-----2-2-x| |
D| |-----| --0----0-0-x| ---0-----0-0-x| |
A| |-----0---| -----x| -----x| |
E| |---0h2---| -----x| -----x| |
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VERSE 1:

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D A
its a plume of dust down an old dirt road
G
and hanging off the rails at the rodeo
D A
a back verandah with creaking boards
G
and the dark range of a thunderstorm
D A
its the stockmans bar at an old bush pub
Bm G
and chasing mickey s though the scrub
D A
its planting seeds and praying for rain
G A
and the red dust running through your veins
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CHORUS:

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G D
its the way it is, its the way it goes
G A D
when my wheels hit the gravel road it feels like home
G Bm G
its the way of life, its the life i live
D A
and im right where i want to be
D
thats the way it is
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VERSE 2:

**D** **A**  
its a corrugated iron shed  
**G**  
and work boots on a backdoor step  
**D** **A**  
scones in the oven and preserves in jars  
**G**  
talking prices at the saleyards  
**D** **A**  
its long straight roads and one horse towns  
**Bm** **G**  
and sheep dogs bringing the mob around  
**D** **A**  
its she ll be right and having a go  
**G** **A**  
its good on ya mate and what do ya know?

CHORUS:

**G** **D**  
its the way it is, its the way it goes  
**G** **A** **D**  
when my wheels hit the gravel road it feels like home  
**G** **Bm** **G**  
its the way of life, its the life i live  
**D** **A**  
and im right where i want to be  
**D**  
thats the way it is

BRIDGE:

**D** **A**  
its the eerie still in the grey of dawn  
**G/B** **G**  
feilds of wheat and rows of corn  
**D** **A**  
a rusty tank and flaking paint  
**G/B** **G**  
a weary digger on ANZAC day  
**D** **A**  
its the dreamtime land and uluru  
**Bm** **G**  
aborigine didgeridoo  
**D** **A**  
its batterd hats and calloused hands  
**G** **A**  
the spirit of a hard won land

OUTRO:

**G** **D**

it s just the way it is, it s the way it goes  
when my wheels hit the gravel road it feels like home  
it s the way of life, it s the life I live  
and I m right where I want to be  
a patch of ground and you and me  
that s the way it is  
ohhhh, it s just the way it is  
that s the way it is  
yeah, that s the way it is