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Capo 1

**D** **G**  
We left home when we was barely past eleventeen  
**D** **A**  
Been back and fourth and all around through hell and rain  
**D** **G**  
I ve loved you half of your life and Iâ€™ll keep on lovinâ€™ you  
**D** **A** **D**  
But I can t change and live the way you want me to

We spend a lot of time out on the highway  
Cominâ€™ from some town we played along the way ss  
After 30 years of knowing me the way you do ||  
You know I canâ€™t change and live the way you want me to-i

Chorus: But babe,

**A** **D**  
That red bandana tied around your auburn hair  
**A** **D**  
You look like you ought to be somebody s wife somewhere  
**D** **G**  
You ain t never going to be no Bobby McGee but youâ€™re tryinâ€™ to  
**D** **A** **D**  
But I can t change and live the way you want me to

Every time you leave the stage I know you ve had your fill  
And I wonder why you grew up and why I never will  
Hey, I m 41 today still going on 22  
But I can t change and live the way you want me to

Chorus

I can t change and live the way you want me to