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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