

Merle Haggard, Red Bandana

We left home when were barely past eleven-teen
We've been back and fourth and all around through hell and rain
I've loved you half of your life and Ill keep on loving you
But I can't change and live the way you want me to.
We spent a lot of time out on the highway
Coming from some town we played along the way
After thirty years and knowing me the way you do
You know I cant change and live the way you want me to .
That red bandana tied around your auburn hair
You look like you ought to be somebody's wife somewhere
You ain't never going to be no bobby McGee but your trying to
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 forty-one today still going on twenty-two
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