

The Way It Is
Bruce Hornsby & the Range

[Intro 1]

Am Em Am Em D C G D
C Am Em D C G D C

[Intro 2]

Am Em D C G D C
Am Em D C G D
C

[Verse 1]

Am Em
Standing in line, marking time
D C
Waiting for the welfare dime
G D C
'Cause they can't buy a job
Am Em
The man in the silk suit hurries by
D C
As he catches the poor old ladies' eyes
G D C
Just for fun he says, "get a job"

[Chorus]

G F C
That's just the way it is
G F C
Some things will never change

G F C
That's just the way it is

G F C **Am Em**
Ah, but don't you believe them

[Verse 2]

D C G D C **Am** **Em** **D** **C**
Said, hey little boy you can't go where the others go
G **D** **C**
'Cause you don't look like they do
Am **Em**
Said, hey old man how can you stand
D **C**
To think that way
G **D**
Did you really think about it
C
Before you made the rules?

[Chorus]

G F C
He said, "son
That's just the way it is
G F C
Some things will never change
G F C
That's just the way it is
G F C **Am Em**
Ah, but don't you believe them"

[Bridge]

D C G D C

[Piano Solo 1]

Am Em D C G D C
Am Em D C G D C
Am Em D C G D C
Am Em D C G D C

Am Em D C G D C

G F C

That's just the way it is

G F C

That's just the way it is

[Verse 3]

Am Em

Well, they passed a law in '64

D C

To give those who ain't got a little more

G D C

But it only goes so far

Am Em

'Cause the law don't change another's mind

D C

When all it sees at the hiring time

G D C G F C

Is the line on the color bar, no, no That's just the way it is

[Chorus]

G F C

And some things will never change

G F C

That's just the way it is

[Piano Solo 2]

G F C

Am Em D C G D C Am Em D C G D C Am Em

D C

That's just the way it is, it is, it is, it is

G D C

[Bridge]

Am Em D C G D C

[Outro]

G F C G F C G F C G F C
G F C G F C

[Outro (Fade Out)]

G F C G F C G F C