The Way It Is Lyrics by Bruce Hornsby

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

"That's just the way it is Some things will never change That's just the way it is Ah - but don't you believe them

They say hey little boy you can't go Where the others go' cause you don't look like they do Said hey old man how can you stand To think that way Did you really think about it Before you made the rules He said, son That's just the way it is Some things will never change That's just the way it is Ah - but don't you believe them Well they passed a law in '64To give those who ain't got a little more But it only goes so far Because the law don't change in another's mind When all it sees is the hiring time Is the line on the color bar

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