

## Laura Cantrell "The Way It Is"

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It was a beautiful idea when it started,  
It hit so hard, I never thought it through.  
Leaving the west side of town,  
Way on up riverside rushing down,  
That's the freest moment a city girl knew.

I've got the beauty of the moment,  
Passed so quickly,  
Now the tingle and the chill got me confused.  
So as I buckle down, why knuckle you 'round.  
Those free moments feel so fare and few.

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An I can't help myself at all  
That's just the way it is

I see you crossing the street,  
Come and meet me.  
Like an image come to mind too long ago.  
Well there's a smile across your mouth

Those eyes are looking south.  
If I could see them what would they let me know?

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I looked and found them lost and started  
I've sown and reeded and plowed the ground once  
more  
I laid my hammer down, wandered this city all around  
Ended up on the streets I walked before

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