I Ain't Living Long Like This

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(Rodney Crowell) You looked for trouble and you found it son Straight down the barrel of a lawman's gun You'd try to run but you don't think you can You make one move and you're dead man, friend I ain't living long like this I can't live at all like this, can I baby He slipped the handcuffs on behind my back Then he left me freezing on a steel rail track They got 'em all in the jailhouse, ain't they bay I ain't living long like this grew up in Houston off of Wayside drive Son of a charhop in some all night dive Dad drove a stock car to an early death All I remember was a drunk man's death I ain't living long like this I can't live at all like this can I babyWe know the story how the wheel goes round Don't let 'em take you to the man downtown Can't sleep at all in the jailhouse, baby I ain't living long like this You live for angel, she's a roadhouse queen Make Texas ruby look like Sandra Dee You want to love her but you don't know how

I ain't living long like this
I can't live at all like this, can I babyYou know the story 'bout the jailhouse rock
Go on and do it, but just don't get caught
They got 'em all in the jailhouse, ain't they baby
I ain't living long like this

You're at the bottom of the jailhouse now

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