

# To Make Me Who I Am

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I've walked through this world sometimes without a friend  
My life has been up and down, been close to an end  
But I've been through the mill  
And I've paid my dues  
Walked so many miles in different peoples shoes

But I've been through the fire  
And I've walked in the rain  
I've felt the joy and endured the pain

Once I was a schemer  
But I always was a dreamer  
But it took me who I was and where I've been  
To make me who I am

I've met a lot of lost souls in the bowels of hell  
Traveled some crooked roads, got some stories yet to tell  
I've shot up with the junkie, in piss stench halls  
Broken bread with the devil, fallen on my knees to god  
Some days I was blessed, some nights I was damned  
But I always tried to lend a helping hand

Once I was a deceiver  
Not I am a believer  
But it took me who I was and where I've been  
To make me who I am

Oh, I've seen the little children, all strung out on dope  
No one to care about them, living without hope  
But I've been lucky that I always had a song  
I'll sing it with compassion, to try to right the wrong.

Once my life was wretched  
But why should I regret it  
'cause, it took me who I was, and where I've been  
To make me who I am

This is dedicated to my friends in jail  
For my brother jake who had to ride the rail  
For my friend roonie and melvin, who were so dear  
They were so misunderstood  
But I wish they were still here  
To hear this song I sing from my heart  
They're forever in my soul, even though we had to part

Once I was a deceiver  
Not I am a believer  
But it took me who I was and where I've been  
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God said I forgive you  
Wipe away the scars  
Cause I know it took who you were  
And where you came from  
To make you who you are

Cause I know it took who you were

And where you came from  
To make you what you are