

The Need To Be

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To fulfil the need to be who I am in this world
Is all I ask
I can't pretend to be something that I'm not
And I won't wear a mask

Ooh, you touch my face with love in your eyes
But will you touch my heart
With the understanding that it takes to realise
I just can't play a part

Oh, I've got this need to be true to myself
And make no mistakes
I don't want to need to hold someone else
No matter what it takes

So if you're sure it's love
Just be sure it's love
For this thing called me
For I am what I am
And I have the need to be

I'm not fool enough
To ever think that I could be the master of my fate
But it's up to me to choose my roads in life
Though rocky they may be, the ones I take
Oh, the ones I take

There's a need to be something more
Than just a reflection of a man
I can't survive in someone's shadow
I need my very own little spot to stand

Hey, if you're sure it's love
Just be sure it's love
For me and only me
Cos I am what I am
And I have the need to be

Oh, just be sure it's love
Be real sure it's love
For me, for little old me
Cos I am what I am
I am what I am
And I have the need to be