

## 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