

# I Can't Be Myself

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It's a way of mine to say just what I'm thinking  
And to do the things, I really want to do  
And you want to change the part of me I'm proud of  
So I can't be myself, when I'm with you

Oh, you never liked the clothes I wear on Sunday  
Just because I don't believe the way you do  
But I believe the Lord knows, I'm unhappy  
Cause I can't be myself when I'm with you  
I can't be myself and be what pleases you

And down deep inside, I don't believe that you want me to  
And it's not my way to take so long deciding that  
I can't be myself, when I'm with you  
I can't be myself and be what pleases you  
No, I can't be myself, when I'm with you