

# I Hardly Know How To Be Myself

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Go out and hear a band at some club downtown  
Walk home in the rain and let it soak me down  
Smile and shuffle past all the faces at the door  
I hardly know how to be myself anymore

I wonder where you are, do I exist for you  
That pain that never quits, ever gets you too  
I think about my life and what it's headed for  
I hardly know how to be myself anymore

I know how to chase the night away  
Show no feelings by the light of the day  
I know how to keep it all intact  
Tears may fall but there's no holding back

Time runs by me like a river cold  
It sends a shiver way down in my soul  
I see my past just like a mask I wore  
I hardly know how to be myself anymore

I know how to face the night alone  
And keep my distance on the telephone  
I know how to get my crying done  
Tears may fall, but I don't show no one

I go out and hear a band at some club on down the street  
I shake the hands of all the people that I meet  
I hope they find just what they're looking for  
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