

# The Man In Me

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There's a man in me  
He's cold and he's hard  
He's got an eye for deception  
He's always on guard  
He's swimming in concrete  
Drowning in fear  
And he keeps it all locked in his heart

This man is a tyrant, a fault finding hack  
You can't tell him nothing  
There's no turning back  
He leaves blood on the highway  
And scattered debris  
He crawls from the wreckage  
But he still doesn't see  
He's alive  
The man is jive

There's a man in the mirror  
I don't like his looks  
His teeth they are crooked  
His hands are like hooks  
He speaks 4 letter language  
Because his mind is so small  
His voice is like venom  
I don't like him at all  
God, I gotta get away from the man in me

She says  
What are you afraid of  
There's no need to judge  
You know I can help you  
But you won't even budge  
Pretty flowers surround you  
But all you can smell is a rat  
She says  
Why do you insist on your head in the sand  
Building walls all around you, you don't understand  
These ways are outmoded,  
But all you can change is your hat  
The man in me don't wanna know nothing about that

There's a man in the closet  
He wants to come out  
He wants to be noticed  
But he's so filled with doubt  
He wants to be well known and famous  
But he's so filled with pride  
The keys to his fortune stay locked up inside  
Can it be the man in me?

She says  
Now what are you afraid of?  
There's nothing to fear  
You want me to help  
But you won't let me near  
In your heart you can hear me

But all you believe are your eyes  
Tell me why you're convinced  
That a fist in your face  
Is all you deserve  
From love you've misplaced  
The truth is salvation  
But all you believe in are lies  
The man in me wants to believe,  
But he won't even try

There's man in me,  
And he's so full of hate  
He's so misdirected  
He thinks it's too late  
Pours salt on the wounds  
Only Time wants to heal  
He's dying inside  
And he don't wanna feel  
Anything  
The man is strange