

# I Am What I Am

## Village People

I am, I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, I'll be, I'll be  
I am, I am, what I am, what I am, for the rights, for the rights, of man, hey  
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People have the right to be just who they are  
People have the right to share all of their love  
People have the right to share just what they give  
The right to their free will.

I did not choose the way I am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I am, This is my fellow man  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, Please try to understand,  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am just a man,  
I was born into this wor-or-orld, Born into this world,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am what I am, hey, alright

Say it, say it y'all  
I am, I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, I'll be, hey, alright  
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I am, I am, what I am, what I am, for the rights, for the rights, of man, listen here

People have the right, regardless of their skin  
People have the right to let God's love come in  
People have the right to truly be your friend  
To love is not a sin.

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I said I am what I am, This is my fellow man  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, Please try to understand,  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am just a man,  
I was born into this wor-or-orld, Born into this world,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am what I am, hey

Everybody, everybody say it with me y'all  
I am, I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, I'll be, hey, alright  
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I am, what I am, what I am, what I am, for the rights, for the rights, of man, yeah

People have the right to live with who they please  
People have the right to live there happily  
No one has the right to choose my love for me  
I was born free.

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I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, Please try to understand,  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am just a man,  
I was born into this wor-or-orld, Born into this world,  
Oh, I am what I a-a-am, I am what I am, hey

I did not choose the way I am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I am, This is my fellow man  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am,  
I said I am what I a-a-am, Please try to understand,  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, I did not choose the way I am  
I said I am what I a-a-am, I am just a man,  
I did not choose the way I a-a-am, Born into this world,  
Hey, I am what I a-a-am, I am what I am

[total overlapping, battle between chorus and singer]  
I did not choose the way I am - No one chooses the way they are-are  
This is my fellow man - You've got to love everybody  
I did not choose the way I am - Everybody was born into this wor-or-orld  
Please try to understand - Nobody forgives their pa  
I did not choose the way I am - Na, na, na, I did not choose  
I am just a man - I'm just a ma-an  
Born into this world - I am what I am, yeah  
I am what I am - Everybody, everybody everybody, (fade begin)  
I did not choose the way I am - I did not choose the way I am  
This is my fellow man - I'm just a man  
I did not choose the way I am - I'm just a man you know  
Please try to understand - Everybody, I'm just a man you know