I Am ... I Said

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L.A.'s fine, the sun shines most the time
And the feeling is 'lay back'
Palm trees grow, and rents are low
But you know I keep thinkin' about

Making my way back
Well I'm New York City born and raised
But nowadays, I'm lost between two shores
L.A.'s fine, but it ain't home

New York's home, but it ain't mine no more
"I am," I said
To no one there
An no one heard at all

Not even the chair
"I am," I cried
"I am," said I
And I am lost, and I can't even say why

Leavin' me lonely still
Did you ever read about a frog who dreamed of bein' a king
And then became one
Well except for the names and a few other changes

I you talk about me, the story's the same one
But I got an emptiness deep inside
And I've tried, but it won't let me go
And I'm not a man who likes to swear

But I never cared for the sound of being alone
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