

# I've Gotta Be Me

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Whether I'm right, whether I'm wrong  
Whether I find a place in this world or never belong  
I've gotta be me, I've gotta be me  
What else can I be but what I am? I want to live, not merely survive  
And I won't give up this dream of life  
That keeps me alive  
I've gotta be me, I've gotta be me  
The dream that I see makes me what I am That faraway prize, a world of success  
Is waiting for me if I heed the call  
I won't settle down or settle for less  
As long as there's half a chance that I can have it all I'll go it alone, that's how it must be  
I can't be right for somebody else if I'm not right for me  
I've gotta be me, I've gotta be me  
Daring to try to do it or die, I've gotta be me

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