

# As I Am

## Dream Theater

Don't tell me what's in, tell me how to write  
Don't tell me how to win this fight  
Isn't your life, it isn't your right  
To take the only thing That's mine, proven over time  
It's over your head  
Don't try to read between the lines  
Are clearly defined, never lose sight of  
Something you believe in Takin' in the view from the outside  
Feeling like the underdog  
Watching through the window  
I'm on the outside  
Living like the underdog I've been trying  
To justify you  
In the end I will  
Just defy you To those who understand, I extend my hand  
To the doubtful I demand, take me as I am  
Not under your command, I know where I stand  
I won't change to fit your plan, take me as I am, as I am Still running uphill  
Swimming against the current  
I wish I weren't so fucked  
Feels like I'm stuck  
Lost in a sea of mediocrity Slow down, you're thinking too much  
Where is your soul?"  
You cannot touch, the way I play  
Or tell me what to say  
You're in the way  
Of all that I believe in Takin' in the view from the outside  
Feeling like the underdog  
Watching through the window  
I'm on the outside  
Living like the underdog I've been wasting  
My breath on you  
Open minds will  
Descend upon you To those who understand, I extend my hand  
To the doubtful I demand, take me as I am  
Not under your command, I know where I stand  
I won't change to fit your plan, take me as I am To those who understand, I extend my hand  
To the doubtful I demand, take me as I am  
Not under your command, I know where I stand

I won't change to fit your plan, take me as I am  
As I am, yeah, as I am

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