

**The Way I Am**  
**Merle Haggard**

Capo 2

[Intro]

**E A E A B**

[Verse 1]

**E D A**  
Wish I were down on some blue bayou,  
**E B**  
With a bamboo cane stuck in the sand.  
**E D A**  
But the road I m on, don t seem to go there,  
**E B E**  
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Verse 2]

**E D A**  
Wish I enjoyed what makes my living,  
**E B**  
Did what I do with willing hands.  
**E D A**  
Some would run, oh but that ain t like me,  
**E B E E7**  
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Chorus]

**A E**  
The way I am, don t fit my shackles,  
**B E**  
The way I am, reality.  
**D A**  
I can almost see that bobber dancing,  
**E B E**  
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Instrumental]

**E A E A E E7**

[Chorus]

**A E**  
The way I am, don t fit my shackles,  
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The way I am, reality.  
**D A**  
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**E**

**B**

**E**

**A**

I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

**E**

**A**

**E**

**A**

Yodelaaaaaay, Yodel Oh del ayeeeeeee (to fade)