

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

Capo 2

[Intro]

**F Bb F Bb C**

[Verse 1]

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

[Verse 2]

**F Eb Bb**  
Wish I enjoyed what makes my living,  
**F C**  
Did what I do with willing hands.  
**F Eb Bb**  
Some would run, oh but that ain t like me,  
**F C F F7**  
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Chorus]

**Bb F**  
The way I am, don t fit my shackles,  
**C F**  
The way I am, reality.  
**Eb Bb**  
I can almost see that bobber dancing,  
**F C F**  
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Instrumental]

**F Bb F Bb F F7**

[Chorus]

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**F** **C** **F** **Bb**  
I just dream and keep on being the way I am.  
**F** **Bb** **F** **Bb**  
Yodelaaaaaeeeey, Yodel Oh del ayeeeeeee (to fade)