

The Way I Am
Merle Haggard

Capo 2

[Intro]

F# B F# B C#

[Verse 1]

F# E B
Wish I were down on some blue bayou,
F# C#
With a bamboo cane stuck in the sand.
F# E B
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# E B
Wish I enjoyed what makes my living,
F# C#
Did what I do with willing hands.
F# E B
Some would run, oh but that ain t like me,
F# C# F# F#7
So I just dream and keep on being the way I am.

[Chorus]

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

[Instrumental]

F# B F# B F# F#7

[Chorus]

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