

It Is What It Is
The Highwaymen

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***** IT IS WHAT IT IS *****

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Verse 1:

E

I ve been obnoxious

I ve been unconscious

I ve been all kinds of things that are hard to spell

A

I ve been unruly

Speakin truly

I ve been so cool i couldn t hardly even stand myself

Verse 2:

E

I ve been a monster

Without a sponsor

I ve been Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

A

I ve been a goner

I ve been a loner

And when my mixture was right

Hell,i m a nice bunch of guys

Chorus:

I am what i am **B** cause i ain t what i used to be **A** **E**
Cause it is what it is but it ain t what it used to be **B** **A** **E**

Verse 3:

I been a mover **E**
I was a shaker
You had a girlfriend
I tried to snake her
I ve been mysterious **A**
I ve been delirious
I ve been so weird it would have killed a normal man

Verse 4:

I wanted money **E**
I wanted power
I want a monument
Kind of like the Eiffel Tower
I ve been lost at sea **A**
I ve been lost in space
And when i fall in love
I fall all over the place

Chorus.

Verse 5:

And you can go on forever and make the same mistakes **A**
Or you can stand up on your hind legs and change your fate **B**
Go on and do until you finally see **A**

B

What it is that you was that you don t want to be

Verse 6:

E

I was an outlaw

I was an in-law

I was a scapegoat

That was the last straw

A

I hit the highway

Singin my way

But it wound up sounding like you ll never walk alone

Verse 7:

E

I got a story

Reflected glory

Is the way that i ve been seein for most of my life

A

I heard the laughter

Up in the rafter

But i never ever thought that the joke was on me

Chorus(x2).

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