

# the ONE about Who I am

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Who I am in the present is not who I thought  
I ever would turn out to be  
I'm really pissed off how my life ended up  
though there's no-one to blame except me

Who I am was pre-destined by my D.N.A.  
and blended with how I was raised  
forms a combo unique – there's no-one like me  
and for that I am truly amazed

Who I am is a mix of the good and the bad  
all competing to have the last say  
and the character I'll take with me to the grave  
will depend on which one I obey

Who I am and the person I wish that I was  
are as different as chalk and some cheese  
I'm longing to shift things and turn them around  
but I know that won't happen with ease

Who I am is a woman that fills me with shame  
it's a version of me that I hate  
and it's driven away all the ones that I love  
which of course is my well-deserved fate

Who I am is not perfect but I am content  
and at peace in my body and soul

and though there are tweaks that I surely will make  
I basically feel well and whole

Who I am without you is not easy to say  
as our lives they are so inter-twinned  
and if ever you're taken away from my life  
I really dread what I would find

Who I am on the surface just doesn't reflect  
the one that my soul is inside  
but I'm not yet ready my true self to show  
thus the truth I will bury and hide

Who I am in those moments when free from all stress  
is the one that I'm longing to be  
but how to take 'moments' and make them the norm  
has an answer that I can't yet see

Who I am when alone you're unlikely to see  
as for others I live every day  
and those roles they control like a puppet on string  
so I simply can't find *my* own way

Who I am has been lost as I've walked my life's path  
and I fear it's now too late to change  
but still I cry out to the stars in the sky  
"if it's possible – please re-arrange"

"Who am I?" is a question I don't want to ask  
as my mask it would peel right away  
I'll leave all those deeper type thoughts well alone

to some distant and vague future day