

## The Turtles

### "Let Me Be"

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(P.F. Sloan)

Intro:

D A D6 E [2X; 12-string enters 2nd time]

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Verse 1:

D E D E

Please don't mistake me or try to make me

D E A

The shadow of anybody else

D E D E

I ain't the him or her you think I am

D E A

I'm just trying hard to be myself

E A

Though society's goal is to be part of the whole

D E

That may sound good to you, not to me

Chorus:

A

Let me be, let me be

D E

To think like I want to

A

Let me be, let me be

D E

That's all I ask of you

D C#m Bm [1,2: repeat intro 3: to coda]

I am what I am and that's all I ever can be

Verse 2:

Don't try to plan me or understand me

I can't stand to be understood

I could never give in to or ever live up to

Being like you think I should

I've got some inner need that I'm tryin' to heed

I can't take hand-me-down destiny

[repeat chorus]

Verse 3:

Don't try to change me or rearrange me

To satisfy the selfishness in you

I'm not a piece of clay to mold to your moves each day

And I'm not a pawn to be told how to move

I'm sorry I ain't the fool you thought would play by your rules

A to-each-is-own philosophy

[repeat chorus]

Coda:

A

(...be)

D E A

I said that's all I ever can be [repeat to fade]

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