

Tom T. Hall

"That's Why You Have To Be You"

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You know you can't live in the water, you'd just be wet
all the time
Your hands would get wrinkled, your face would turn
blue
And you'd wind up on somebody's line
That's why you can't be a fish, water is not what you do
That's why you can't be a fish, that's why you have to
be you

You know you can't live in the air, why, you'd be in the
clouds all the time
You'd get dizzy from being so high and you must have
wings if you fly
So that's why you can't be a bird, flying is not what you
do
That's why you can't be a bird, that's why you have to
be you

You know you can't live in a tree, for one thing, the
trees are too tall
There's nothing to eat in a tree and there's always a
chance you could fall
That's why you can't be a squirrel, climbing is not what
you do
That's why you can't be a squirrel, that's why you have
to be you

But it's okay to be you, just being yourself, you'll go far
It's really okay to be you, I love you the way you are
(Ain't we great)

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