

## Allergic to Water

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You can't even imagine  
The tortuous state I've been existing in  
I am allergic to water  
It itches my throat and it blisters my skin  
Still, I drink cuz I have to, I bathe cuz I have to  
But boy it's a pain  
But I don't cry  
Cuz it hurts to cry  
And I don't go outside in the rain

And you may wonder what would possess  
Someone like me to go on  
You may wonder how it's possible  
Something so basic could go wrong  
And all I can say is  
If you stretch your mind all the way as far as it goes  
There's someone out there who lives further than that  
In a place you can never know

So right now if you're looking at me  
You can assume that I am thirsty  
And a good day is one when that ache in my brain  
Can remain at a doable three  
And I don't really want your sympathy  
I'm just telling you so you'll understand  
This is me, sincerely  
Doin' the best that I can