

# When You Are Who You Are

Gil Scott-Heron

You always go out of your way to impress me  
Don't you know by now, ain't no need to impress me  
I'm impressed every time you smile  
When I feel like you mean to smile

You can be so very beautiful  
When you are who you are

Every morning when you wake up you put on a new disguise  
How long did you think it would take me to realize?  
Girl, the things you wore ain't real  
You never tell me just how you feel

Girl you can be so very beautiful  
When you are who you are

People never seem to want to be themselves  
So they end up running in circles confused  
Yeah, confused  
Just like everyone else

Every morning when you wake up you put on a new disguise  
Just how long did you think it would take me to realize  
That the things you wore ain't real  
You never tell me just how you feel

When you could be so very beautiful  
When you are who you are  
Yeah, when you are who you are, yeah  
Oh, when you are who you are, yeah  
When you are who you are, yeah  
When you are who you are  
Get it, get it, get it, get it, get it, get it, get it

When you are who you are, yeah  
Oh when you are who you are, yeah  
Oh when you are who you are, yeah  
Oh when you are who you are