

# I Am Not That

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I am not a poet  
I cannot make a rhyme  
I do not know the big words  
Like "shpritz" and "paradigm"

I am not an artist  
I cannot paint my house  
I cannot chisel marble  
I cannot twist and shout

I am not a Yankee  
I have no nation-state  
No cosmic star connections  
I cannot get a date

I am not a crook  
I am not a thief  
To be, for me, is not to be  
Not to see, to see

Goodbye, goodbye, the "I am" world  
Goodbye, goodbye, so long  
Farewell, adieu, adieu, farewell  
I have not sung this song  
No, I have not sung this song

I am not the Walrus  
I am not the Boss  
I am not the King or Queen  
I am not Jack Frost

I am not the singer  
I am not twenty-two  
I am not was, were  
Be, am, is, or you

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