

Trying Too Hard

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Gotta be unique, but gotta blend in
Hide my inner geek, and keep pretendin'
Gotta keep 'em laughin', though I'm only half in
Gotta put a show on 'til I know they like me

Gotta be aloof, make a good impression
Gotta hide the proof of my self-expression
Never be revealing, gotta be appealing
Suddenly I'm feeling like I'm getting so small

Breaking into little pieces
Losing power, getting weaker
Gotta do whatever pleases
'Til they let me in

So we try to be more than enough
Trying to be strong and tough
Try to be something we're not
Try to fit a different plot
Proving we're bold without causing a fuss
We're trying so hard to be us
Will it ever be enough?

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Hide my inner geek, and keep pretendin'
(Breaking into little pieces)
Gotta keep 'em laughin', though I'm only half in
(Trying to be strong and tough)
Gotta put a show on 'til I know they like me

Like me
Like me, li- like me
But I know there's nobody like me
Do-do-do, do-do do-do-do
Do-do do do
Do-do do-do
Do-do-do, do-do do-do-do
Do-do do do do

So we try to be more than enough
Trying to be strong and tough
Try to be something we're not
Try to fit a different plot
Proving we're bold without causing a fuss
We're trying too hard to be us
We're already more than enough

In a world where no one wears disguises
We would all be free
But being divided is what was decided
So that's how it has to be
But if we try to uncover what's real
I'm already strong and tough
Put down our armor and shield
Gotta fit the plot I got
And just remember you're never alone
If the back that you've got is your own

Gotta be unique, gotta blend in
(Trying too hard to be us)
(Do-do do-do, do-do do-do)
Hide my inner geek, and keep pretendin'
(Do do-do-do)
Gotta keep 'em laughin', though I'm only half in
(Do-do-do do do, do-do do, do-do do do)
(Trying too hard to be us)
Gotta put a show on 'til I know they like me
(Do, do-do do)

No more trying too hard to be me
(Do, do-do do, do do-do do, do do-do-do)
(I'm already strong and tough)
'Cause that's one thing it's easy to be
(Do-do-do do, do do-do do, do do-do do, do)
(It'll fit the plot I've got)
Take the trying away, and be free
'Cause it's their turn to try try to see me