

"I" (2016) – Closing Song (What Makes Me Me?!)

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CHORUS 1

VERSE 1 – Gender Identity

I'm not sure who I am
Should I be a sir, should I be a ma'am

Confusion, choas, all in my brain
which bathroom to use may drive me insane

All I want to be is treated the same
instead of fearing the shadow of shame

when you look at me what do you see
cuz when I look at me I just see me

VERSE 2 – Ancestors

Our forefathers speak, through the ash and the smoke
Turtle island wisdom, will keep us afloat

The tales of the past, affect us all
the lessons learned, could stop society's fall

The flood of blood remembers who we've been (bin)
our stories and struggles all held within

Ignore the past you're a tree without fruits
but ignore ancient wisdom you're a tree without roots
[what makes me me!!]

CHORUS 2

VERSE 3 + 4 – Freedom rap

From. The. -- i to the me to the we to the they
Everybody lookin to find they own way
find What to say, in Shades of grey, From the lord's day to my birfday
being me is child's play!

*(Kids: Wait. No way... no way... that ain't true! Brown is this right? Child's Play?
Brown: What? I thought being a kid was easy? You mean it's not?)*

CHORUS

[what makes me me?!]

As we look, to the sky
I ask myself, who am I
[what makes me me?!]

Where are we, in this space
I ask myself where's my place
[why am I here?!]

All this choice, that we see
I ask myself, are we free
[just let me be!!]

As we dream, we do not cry
I ask myself, will I fly
[that makes me me!!]

You. know. -- All the diff'rent ways for me to be me
I'm really only thinkin bout ways to be free
how I Love, how I Dress, how I Vote, how I Pray
what I learn, where I go, what I'm readin' every day.
I'd like to go where I want and think that I can't fail
I'd like to say and do things without endin' up in jail!
But this is the real point, when yer using common sense
Everything you do, HAS a consequence.
so Gobble down that ice cream, Knock back all that booze
but Don't be shocked and dismayed when you pukin on yo shoes!
Wez outta time, wez Gotta run right now
I'ma Leave you with some wisdom that'll furrow up your brow.
(1/2 time) ->
Doing what you like, Has a certain scrappiness
But liking what you do -- LEADS to happiness [what makes me me!!]

CHORUS 3

VERSE 5 – Heroes

Heroes rise, heroes fall
But it's not always powers that define them all

Ordinary people make themselves extraordinary
through acts of kindness and the courage that they carry

Meet a social need, react in a moment
be kind and just and true, always beat your opponent

Some think a hero is the guy whose brave & stronger
but its Really who's bravest, just a little longer

VERSE 6 - Purpose

Your life has meaning, your story matters
Your dreams count, our world's a ladder

to Climb to the sky, if you Know who you are
find your passions, be an avatar

Cuz passion leads to purpose and our purpose leads to joy
a precious state that is easy to destroy

So always choose a path that your soul it feeds
and find a place where deep gladness meets the worlds needs

CHORUS 4 / CHORUS 5 - trpt solo / CHORUS 6 - out!