

Michael Nesmith, I Am Not That

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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No, I have not sung this song,
I have not sung this