

# 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