

I Am What I Am

From La Cage Aux Folles

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*Slowly and freely (unaccompanied)*orchestra
comes in here

Dom 8 *I am what I am I am my own spe - cial cre - a - tion.*

11 D 8 *So come take a look give me the hook or an o - va - tion It's*

15 D 8 *my world that I want to have a lit-tle pride in My world and it's not a place I have to hide in*

19 D 8 *moving on accel.*
Life's not worth a damn 'til you can say "Hey World" I am what I

23 D 8 *faster*
am
M *I am what I am I don't want praise, I don't want*

27 M *pit - y I bang my own drum Some think it's noise I think its*

31 M *pret - ty And so what, if I love each spar - kle and each span - gle Why not try to*

35 M *poco rit. a tempo*
see things from a diff' - ent an - gle Your life is a sham 'Till you can shout out loud I

39 *Twice as fast*

M am what I am

Zs I am

43

Zs what I am And what I am needs

47

Zs no ex - cus - es I deal

51

Zs my own deck Some - times the ace, some -

55

Zs - times the deuc - es There's one life,

59

Zs and there's no re - turn and no de - pos - it; One life,

63 *rit. Slower*

D 8 Life's not

M Life's not

Zs so it's time to o - pen up your clos - et Life's not

67

D 8

worth a damn 'Till you can say

M

worth a damn 'Till you can say

Zs

worth a damn 'Till you can say

71

back to fast tempo

D 8

"Hey world, I am what I

M

"Hey world, I am what I

Zs

"Hey world, I am what I

76

D 8

am."

M

am."

Zs

am."