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## Boy

Hey!  
I'm frightened  
Auntie wot you doin' here?  
Why y' all staring at me?

You doctors, nurses talkin' 'bout me  
*To whanau*  
They know me  
Or do they?  
Hey! Listen to me

I like to hide under the blankets  
Dreaming of being a pop idol  
I am y' know  
Words come in my head  
The music sings in my ears

Auntie — don't tell me you know  
How can you?  
You keep bossin' me to go to work  
My work is music  
I compose it in my head

How can you tell me how I feel?  
What I should do  
My energy is gone  
The drugs stop my creative spirit  
It flies away in the night

Listen to me now  
Listen carefully  
Let me be who I am  
The pain on your face tells me  
You don't know how to love me  
Just be there eh!

Let me be who I am  
I can sing, play, walk, dance, have fun  
Hold me tight in your arms  
Believe in me

I can be who I am  
Walk beside me not in front with a rope  
Listen to the voice of my soul



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