**Idontwannabeyouanymore – Billie Eilish**

Taylor J

**Music Video:** <https://youtu.be/-tn2S3kJlyU>

**<Lyrics>**

Don't be that way  
Fall apart twice a day  
I just wish you could feel what you say Stanza 1  
Show, never tell  
But I know you too well  
Got a mood that you wish you could sell

If teardrops could be bottled  
There'd be swimming pools filled by models  
Told a tight dress is what makes you a whore  
If "I love you" was a promise Stanza 2  
Would you break it, if you're honest  
Tell the mirror what you know she's heard before  
I don't wanna be you anymore

Hands, hands getting cold  
Losing feeling's getting old  
Was I made from a broken mold? Stanza 3   
Hurt, I can't shake   
We've made every mistake  
Only you know the way that I break

If teardrops could be bottled  
There'd be swimming pools filled by models  
Told a tight dress is what makes you a whore  
If "I love you" was a promise  
Would you break it, if you're honest Stanza 4  
Tell the mirror what you know she's heard before  
I don't wanna be you  
I don't wanna be you  
I don't wanna be you, anymore

The narrator, Billie Eilish, who struggles with her confidence and insecurities wrote this song. This song addresses a psychological phenomenon that her lack of self-confidence and self-depricating emotions. She is basically talking to herself in the mirror. The style of this song is informal because she includes words like ‘wanna’,’you’re’, etc. According to her, this is an “inside me song” that has finally come out so if you’d like to hear deep inside her head and feel her feelings. The poem is gloomy and raw, she’s very honest when it comes to express her emotions. Tones don’t change. “Even though I have a great life with many wonderful things in it, I have still dealt with depression. ‘idontwannabeyouanymore’ is about times I’ve felt this way. The real truth is that depression can happen to anyone no matter who you are or what you have and there is no shame to admitting that you feel this way. It’s a very real thing and should never be ignored or labelled ‘a choice’ I feel very lucky to have a strong support system and many outlets that help me get through it, but I would be lying if I said I didn’t still struggle sometimes. If for any reason you feel that you need some help, please reach out to someone. I know there are a lot of people out there who feel the same way as I do and might not have help but I want you to know (I have to remind myself sometimes too) You are not alone in this.” She doesn’t like the fact that she’s not secure in herself as well as her abilities. Aside her problems with insecurities and self-confidence, she generally leads an unhappy life. Owing to this, she wishes she was someone else other than her. Hence the birth of the following heart-wrenching line: “I don’t want to be you anymore.” The pronoun “you” from the line above clearly refers to her. When she looks into a mirror, she just doesn’t want to be that person she sees. Billie repeats that sad line multiple times throughout the song. I think the title best fits the song because it shows inside of her well. Relate to life, I think most if not all of us can relate to insecurities and letting them get the better of you sometimes. Instead of conditioning at a young age that you need to look, speak, and act a certain way, we need to start teaching ourselves how to love ourselves first and stop worrying about what everyone else thinks about you and who everyone else wants you to be. If you don’t’ love and accept yourself for you, who is?

< 4 stanzas >

Rhyme Scheme:

Stanza 1: AAA BBB

Stanza 2: AAB AAB

Stanza 3: AAA BBB

Stanza 4: AAB AAB

The song uses figurative language such as Metaphors and Personification.

< Personification >

Tell the mirror what you know she’s heard before Idontwannabeyouanymore: hints that Billie once did want to be the way she currently sees herself in the mirror. As we transition from childhood to an adulthood, we tend to become more self-conscious about our appearance, constantly wanting to change the way we look.

< Repetition>

I don’t wanna be you anymore

<Irony>

Stanza 1 Line 3 “I just wish you could feel what you say”

< Metaphor >

Got a mood that you wish you could sell: She explains how she wants and instructs herself to be but know she can’t or won’t be. No person is perfectly confident and content.

<Imagery & Hyperbole>

If teardrops could be bottled There’d be swimming pools filled by models: Public scrutiny and the pressures of celebrity-hood ae often said to lead models to be miserable, teaching them to live on without expressing their emotions. She contrasts this popular idea to a hyperbolic inference of her insecurities; if models could express their emotions without refrain, the public would truly be able to recognize the sorrows these models experience.