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## Guan Ye/Gloria - An introduction of myself

I'm always kind  
Somebody thinks I'm a stupid guy  
Because I never say things bad  
Or express I am sad  
Mostly I'm fine  
Everybody loves me because my spirits are high  
But sometimes I cannot stop to cry  
When important things leave my life  
My soft bed  
My silly cat  
My favorite hat  
My sister's wed  
I really love nobody's night  
Because I can own the sky  
There are only me and moon light  
Thoughts of mine stop to fight  
Occasionally a bird fly  
I enjoy myself until sunrise  
I'm a common girl from countryside  
If you don't know me, never mind

## Han Shuo/ Aurora- A diverse self

In the parents' view,  
I am their child,  
I am an independent child,  
I can help them,  
I am sometimes a little intractable.

In friends' view,  
I am a passionate person,  
I really like to communicate,  
I enjoy playing with friends,  
I care about the relationship with friends.

In teachers' view,  
I am a disciplined student,  
I will complete the task seriously,  
I am also an introverted student,  
Rarely take the initiative to communicate with teachers.

In my view,  
I am a diverse person,  
In the face of different people is different me,  
In the face of different familiarity with people is different,  
But each is me.

## He Angjun/Harry - Who am I?

Who am I, it is just like a mystery  
Sometimes, I am a bird, flying freely in the sky  
Sometimes, I am a lion, full of strength  
And sometimes, I am a turtle, careful and patient  
I can be everything in the world

Who am I  
I am the world  
This world exists due to my perception  
If I fade away sometime in the future  
Then the world will go with me

Close the eyes  
Feeling everything attentively around you  
You will feel the freshness of yourself  
You live in your heart  
The whole world belongs to you

Who am I  
The answer is in my heart  
In the depths of my existence  
The truth will show  
The world I feel is me

## Jiang Zhentian/Steven - There are two of me in the world -Who am I?

There are two of me in the world,  
Just like two shades on the ground,  
One of mine is tall,  
Another one is short,  
But there are both my shades.

There are two of me in the world,  
One of me is looking for the future,  
One of me misses the old days.

There are two of me in the world,  
One of me wanna meet many friends and throw many parties,  
One of me just wanna stay alone and be quiet.

There are two of me in the world,  
One of me struggles to be successful,  
One of me wants to lie down.  
I want to work hard,  
But just wait for tomorrow and tomorrow.

There are two of me in the world.  
Both exist at the same time.



## Jingtao Jin/Cecil - "Who am I"

I am a free-spirited soul, feathers scattered beyond the cage,  
Rejecting the bonds of excessive rage.  
I am an optimist, smiling in the face of strife,  
For no challenge can overshadow the joy of life.

I am the learner, forever curious,  
Seeking knowledge, with a hunger so serious.  
I am a lover of all, love freely to flow,  
Yet steadfast and unwavering for one I know.

I am an adventurer, constantly seeking different landscapes,  
Always striving to explore and discover new escapes.  
Where I come from or where I will go,  
Matters not.  
As long as I witness the wonders of the world's show.

I am a platonic thinker, also a pragmatic actor.  
Idealism always slightly holds the greater factor.  
I am the sum of all the parts that make,  
A unique being, with a path to take.

Regarding how I define myself,  
I would say,  
The world becomes real through my own way.

## Lam Chin Ping/May - Story about me

My name is May,  
Spelled with M-A-Y.  
Who am I?  
Listen to me,  
And I will tell you why.  
Long brown hair,  
And dark brown eyes,  
But all of that is,  
On the outside.

Graphic design is what I study,  
But so much homework on the daily.  
If I get an A, then I am lucky,  
But at the end of the day,  
I am always hungry.  
My mom says I'm very silly,  
And that makes me very moody.  
But if I eat something yummy,  
It takes away all of my worries.  
Look at my room, it's always messy,  
And that is the story about me.

## Liu Fengwei/Peter - Who am I?

Who am I?

I'm a genius,

I'm a fool.

Who am I?

I'm an angel,

I'm a demon.

I'm in heaven,

I'm in hell.

I have talent,

I'm shining,

But I achieved nothing,

Only sighing.

I want to explode,

I want be focused,

But I hide myself,

Don't want to see anyone.

Are these all me?

Yes they are.

Are these all me really?

No, they are illusions in my heart.

## Qian Xiao/Alita - Find myself

Who am I? I ask to myself.  
I am a contradiction,  
Optimistic, motivated and enthusiastic,  
Pessimistic, sensitive and cold,  
That all describes me.

I want to find myself,  
I am a girl,  
But I don't want to be defined,  
I like reading,  
I long for freedom.  
If possible,  
I want to be a free wind,  
Rather than a dull tree,  
Under the radar,  
Don't stay for anyone,  
Flowing and light,  
Lonely and cool.

I'm a normal person, maybe nothing special,  
However,  
I have my own ideas,  
I have a loving family,  
I have sincere friends,  
No matter who I am,  
I am a happy and contented person.

## Sheng Jiaqian/Nicole - A Readme for an ISFP

I can read, think, and write  
I like tea, pink, and paint  
My favorite animals are dogs and cats  
And my love song is Strawberries & Cigarettes  
I am a free person  
With fantastic idealism full of my brain  
I am a sensitive person  
With strong empathy and perception in my heart  
The official says my personality is an explorer  
Introverted, self-sufficient, and values harmony  
And I prefer to call myself a little painter  
Romantic, full of curiosity and imagination  
I sometimes have internal friction  
Crying alone and then collapsing  
But I must be strong  
Wipe away tears and healing  
So this who I am  
A isfp, an explorer, and a painter  
A romantic idealist and sensitive Altruism with exquisite selfishness  
Will you love me?

## Siqi Wang/Olivia - Be Ourselves

I'm adrift me,  
Like a wave that moves with the tide,  
Like a fluttering insect hanging on the dead grass.  
I can't find my clear edge,  
Like a wildflower trying to imitate a rose,  
Like the steam that longs to become a cloud,  
I'm every self I have lost.  
I was born ordinary,  
Everyone is actually born ordinary,  
Endless imitation is the worst way.  
I'm my poetry,  
I tolerate typos,  
I accept unsmooth,  
I love all the unique rhymes,  
I will write without hesitation,  
I will read it loud and proud.  
I shine in my field,  
In this gorgeous world,  
There's always a spotlight for me,  
I'm no longer adrift.

## Zikang Wan/Ryan - Who am I?

I was a boy  
Sitting on the table and playing with a toy  
Ignoring my mom urging me to study  
Wondering how the happy time was so plenty

I was in middle school.  
Studying hard and worrying about the score  
It's strange why teacher's classes are so boring  
Every time I just fall asleep when the teacher is teaching.

The time passed like the wind.  
I entered college and strived for my job.  
Life may mix a little bit of confusion and a little bit of expectation  
But I try to live up to my every wish and every life option.

So, who am I  
Am I a child, student or worker?  
Or someone I'm going to be in the future?  
There seems to be no clear answer to this question.

Maybe I am just myself.  
Who is carrying a dream.  
Lazy sometimes but like to work hard.  
Chasing the future that I dreamed of.

## Xiong Yukun/Peter - No one can define who am I

When I born on the world  
Try my best to open my eyes  
Curious about the world as any baby  
My family looked at my face  
They considered that what can I be  
Ordinary or be an achiever?  
But I never think this question ever  
Until come to university  
Full of chances forced me to make a decision  
Who am I  
Decadent or positive  
Career or love  
Money or dignity  
I don't know  
I always walk around the lake  
Under the moonlight  
It told to me your power isn't fake  
Like the sunshine  
So please start here  
Be my own hero



## Yang Yiming/Steven - Facing to Myself

In front of the mirror, I tried to explore,  
Something deep in my being, something at the core.  
A search for understanding and definition,  
This puzzle called "I," is intricately woven.

I am the laughter that dances on gentle breezes,  
The tears flow like rivers, cleansing the heart,  
The thunderous courage that fuels my spirit,  
The pattern of flowers on the wings of butterflies.

I am the warrior who braves the wind and the waves,  
Lighting and storm at sea and escaping from sharks.  
The hearty laughter of the sailors on board,  
Or the joy and surprise of treasure I am been told.

I am the dream that lights the fire inside me,  
The kind that makes me aspire to higher things.  
To inspire my passion for purpose and motivation,  
Guide me forward, bring me back to life.

I stand in the depths of my own discovery,  
Embrace my identity,  
Hand in hand,  
To uncover the truth about who I am.

## Yang Yiming/Fanvy - I am who I am

It's difficult for me to introduce who I am  
I was born on an ordinary night  
I think my life is full of luck  
Because it is very bright  
But I don't want such a boring life

Tired of feeling like I'm trapped in my narrow mind  
Tired of feeling like my life is a boring game  
If possible, I want to be myself  
Close my eyes, my dreams unwind  
Nothing can limit my imagination tight

I wish I'm free, my soul wants to roam  
Exploring the world, making it my home  
In my home, I'm free to bloom  
From forests to oceans deep  
I'll run, explore, and take the leap

I finally know how to answer who I am  
This is the real me,  
A boy who pursues freedom  
I am an adventurer  
One day, I will use my actions to prove it

## Yin Yiyue/Lunar - I am an Ordinary Girl

I don't have a great ambition  
I don't have a life as exciting as the novel  
I am a girl, an ordinary girl.  
For 19 years,  
I've lived by the rules.  
But all the way,  
I will not settle for ordinary.

So, I tried to study hard but still failed,  
I went to learn to draw but I had no talent.  
I thought I only am an ordinary girl,  
Can't do anything well.

Afterward, I went to travel,  
And met a lot of people,  
I found many ordinary people also live out their own wonderful.

So, I changed my mindset,  
Accept my ordinary and try to live.  
Now I believe,  
Although I am an ordinary girl,  
In the future,  
I will have my own wonderful life.

## He Jiaqi/York - Seeking Journey

I am a dancer  
By the lake of time  
Dance to tune  
Dance a song of the years

I am a poet  
In the ocean of history  
Salvage words  
Compose a magnificent poem

I am a traveler  
On the steep mountaintop  
Touch the moon  
"Because it's there"

I am a singer  
On the shining stage  
Sing alone  
Tell the story only belongs to me

Who I am?  
I am everything  
On the world stage of reincarnation  
Never stop seeking

## Zhang Leyi/Verity - A normal youth in the new era

In this realm of shifting tides and change,  
The New Era youth, bold and strange.  
With dreams that reach beyond the sky,  
I dare to soar, never asking why.

Unafraid to question, to break the mold,  
My minds like rivers, flowing bold.  
I could challenge systems, ignite the spark,  
For justice, equality, a brand-new arc.

A fusion of cultures, an open mind,  
My perspectives broad, beautifully entwined.  
New Era youth, agents of change,  
Empowering others, a range so wide.

Through setbacks and trials, I'll rise anew,  
Harnessing resilience, my strength breakthrough.  
For in my hands lies a world transformed,  
Where dreams are realized, norms reformed.

I, a new era youth,  
Same with the people who embody hope and worth.  
With courage and passion, I will chart my way,  
Into a future brighter with each passing day.

## Zhang Qinghao/Cullen - Finding me

I am a student, eager to learn,  
In classes and books, knowledge I discern.  
Growing each day, like a blooming flower,  
Education's strength, a limitless power.

I am a man, strong and true,  
Facing life's challenges, through and through.  
With courage and resilience, standing tall,  
Embracing my journey, ready to give my all.

I am a friend, loyal and kind,  
Through laughter and tears, our hearts entwined.  
Through thick and thin, always there,  
Building bonds of friendship, a bond we share.

I am a brother, guiding with care,  
Supporting and protecting, always aware.  
With love and understanding, by your side,  
A constant presence, in whom you confide.

In these roles, I find my way,  
Discovering my identity day by day.  
With rhythm and rhyme, my story unfolds,  
A melody of self, where my essence molds.

## Zheng Sitao/Michael - A Journey of Self Discovery

Who am I? A story to be shared,  
Laughter, tears and dreams were floating in the air.  
Curious and unique, looking for my place,  
Light up every day with a smile.

Strength and grace guide me,  
Learn and grow, embrace every day.  
Whispers of wisdom follow my steps,  
Through thick and thin, I won't hide.

Free spirit, explore the path of life,  
Colors change, like joyous laughter.  
It's time for the mystery to unravel,  
As a friend, I am filled with joy.

Reflecting, finding where I belong,  
Uncover layers and embrace the song of life.  
Imperfect but complete, find my rhythm,  
Look for answers, one step at a time.

In this wide world, my essence blooms,  
A passionate soul, driving away melancholy.  
Being who I am, no need to pretend,  
Uncover the truth of life, a journey without end.