

**“Me ÷ You ≤ Us”**

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Known.  
I want solitude.  
Considered calm.  
I have attitude.  
Selected to speak.  
I want to rest my voice.  
Offered an outcome.  
I have choice.  
Supplied a shovel.  
I want a rake.  
Provided pillows.  
I have to be awake.  
I'm always in control.  
Reality has run amuck.  
So I'm told.

Synopsis/introduction:

Written for those times when (in the spirit of Walker's Jeff) one has/wants to scream,  
“Let go of my toe!”

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