

**BE** *adv.*, *verb* [BEKX, BE ING. Present indicative: AM, ART, IS, ARE; PAST: WAS, WAST, WAS, WERE] 1 To have existence, truth, or actuality; live; often with *there*; as, God *is*, there are bears in the zoo. 2 To exist (in a special state, relation, etc.); coincide in identity with; equal; fulfil (a following description); as, I *am* that man's brother, he *is* a rich man; also, to belong (to a specified group or category); as, that *is* an insect. 3 To take place; happen; as, the party *is* next week, can such things *be*. 4 To concern; signify; mean; with *to*; as, money *is* not *to* him. 5 To befall; with *to* or *unto*; as, joy *be* unto you. 6 To be; as, the book *is* \$2. 7 To have experience of; as, he *is* a soldier. 8 To be on; or on; occupy (a certain place); as, London *is* in England, the picture *is* on page ten. 9 To stay; remain; as, I *was* with us a week; let the problem *be*.

The proper case of a personal pronoun is the nominative, as the case is simply one of the pronoun in apposition with the name of the self in that case; as, It *is* I, it *is* he. For "me" to the question "Who's there?" or "I am now from"

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**BE-** *prefix* 1 About; all over; around; as, bespatter. 2 Completely; roughly; as, drabbed, bewildered. 3 To call; as, I *bed* mister. 4 Excessively; as, beribboned, sometimes implying ridicule, as in *bedigger*, etc. 5 Away from; off; as, bereave, *bedead*, or cause to be; as, *bedim*, *bedfoul*. 6 To be adorned with; as, *bedew*, *bedjewel*. 7 To affect with; as, *befriend*, *bedcloud*, *beditch*. [*be-*, <*bi*, by]

THE SOURCE

## Being

I am a cicada sitting high in the tree,  
As alive today as I will ever be,  
I'm shaking my tymbal and making my song,  
Enjoying my time though it be not long.

I am a bee pollinating a flower,  
Harvesting from anthers hour after hour,  
Gathering pollen for the stigma over there,  
Then home to the hive – floating on air.

I am a vulture soaring up on high,  
Looking for food from a clear blue sky,  
My nose is searching for flesh to recycle,  
Flying up here with Archangel Michael.

I am a tadpole swimming in the pond,  
Brought to this Earth by the fairy's wand,  
I sit on the bottom and bask in the sun,  
This being-alive stuff is really great fun.

I am a tree with strong roots interconnected,  
Talking to my neighbors - not disconnected,  
Breathing CO<sub>2</sub> and blowing out O<sub>2</sub>,  
My being is good for both me and you.

I'm a white shrimp maturing in the marsh,  
Hiding from predators that can be very harsh,  
Preparing to move with the phase of the moon,  
I love being here, but my time here ends soon.

I'm a parrot-head human who loves Jimmy Buffet,  
Acting all crazy like a television Muppet,  
But I have an important point to make,  
This being-alive stuff makes my world shake.

"Being is what all life has in common,  
It's a key understanding" I was told by the Brahmin,  
"It's more than just knowing about one's own life,  
Things are linked in the now and the afterlife."

Being is magical - it's a shared characteristic,  
It's a key to the puzzle of thinking holistic,  
It's the common thread that binds the Earth,  
Life's revolving door of death and rebirth.

So welcome to Earth Church  
Pull yourself up a pew  
Say a prayer that being  
Will awaken in you.