

## **DID YOU EVER NOTICE**

Did you ever notice there are acceptable body types,  
acceptable attitudes,  
acceptable behaviors,  
manners of dress,  
modes and styles of expression,

Yeah, even acceptable occupations,  
past times,  
religions,  
hours for prayer and sleeping,  
skin colors,  
hair dos,  
languages ...

acceptable things to eat,  
rules to govern speaking,  
loving,  
living ...

In fact, for just about every thing under the sun,  
some one, some where, has some notion of OK and not OK,  
right and wrong,  
good and bad,  
should and shouldn't,  
can and can't ...

And did you ever notice,  
when you're on the outside ...  
now, I'm not saying any of us is now or ever was on the outside ...  
well, OK, I am saying it ...

I admit it ... I don't fit in,  
not with all of it,  
not with any of it, all of the time,  
not with some of it, any of the time, ever ...

and what in the hell am I supposed to do about that?  
I can't be some body or some thing I'm not.

That's the tricky part, though, isn't it?  
Before I played the bagpipe, I wasn't a piper.

So, maybe, life is just a forever state of be-coming ... before ...