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I'm Gonna Be a Hero

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Am7                  Em7            Dmaj7                    Dm7
I climbed aboard my rocketship and blasted off to save the day.
Fmaj7             Cmaj7      Em7            A
I knew I'd need a miracle to save the Milky Way.
Am7            Em7          Dmaj7                    Dm7
I called you a tyrant -- it fit the role you had to play,
Fmaj7                      Cmaj7           Em7        A
'Cause we've got to have a villain for our Sunday matinee.
Em7               F#m7      Em7                  F#m7
If I'm gonna be a hero, the way I always wanted to.  Yes,
Em7               F#m7           Cmaj7
If I'm gonna be a hero, then the villain must be you.
          Em7/B                  A/D  A  A/B  A  A/D A A/B Am7
Yeah, the villain must be you.
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If I was a privateer with a letter from the Queen,
I know I'd be a dashing rogue and always steal the scene.
I'd board the ships and take the gold from the merchants of the foe.
Although you called me "pirate", deep inside I'd know
I'm gonna be a hero, though I took your gold from you.
I know I'm gonna be a hero, so the villain must be you.
The villain must be you.

If I were a superman, I'd fight to rid the world of crime.
You could be a superhero too, and we would meet in time.
But then we'd fight each other, through some error we could not foresee.
You say that you're the hero -- so what does that make me?
I know that I'm a hero, and I know that you're a hero too.
But if I'm gonna be the hero, then the villain must be you.
The villain must be you.

And if I was a poet -- but I guess that's really what I am --
I could write a song for you to make you understand.
This world has no heroes, just frightened folk like you and me.
But if we've got no heroes, then who's the villain supposed to be?
I know you want to be the hero, cause that's what we all want to be.
But if you're gonna be the hero, then the villain must be me.
The villain must be me.

I know you want to be the hero, cause that's what we all want to be.
But if you're gonna be the hero, then the villain must be me.
The villain must be me.
And I don't want to be.