

# Is That All There Is?

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I remember when i was a girl  
Our house caught on fire  
And I'll never forget the look on my father's face  
As he gathered me in his arms  
And raced to the burning building out on the pavement  
And i stood there shivering  
And watched the whole world go up in flames  
And when it was all over  
I said to myself  
Is that all there is to a fire?  
Is that all there is?

Is that all there is?  
If that's all there is, my friends, then let's keep dancing  
Let's break out the booze and have a ball  
If that's all there is

And when i was twelve years old  
My daddy took me to the circus  
The greatest show on earth  
And there were clowns  
And elephants  
Dancing bears,  
And a beautiful lady in pink tights flew high above our heads  
And as i sat there watching  
I had the feeling that something was missing  
I don't know what  
But when it was all over  
I said to myself  
Is that all there is to the circus

Is that all there is?  
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Let's break out the booze and have a ball  
If that's all there is

And then i fell in love  
With the most wonderful boy in the world  
We'd take long walks down by the river  
Or just sit for hours gazing into each other's eyes

We were so very much in love  
And then one day  
He went away  
And I'd thought I'd die  
But i didn't  
And when i didn't  
I said to myself  
Is that all there is to love

Is that all there is?  
If that's all there is, my friends, then let's keep

I know what you must be saying to yourselves  
If that's the way she feels about it  
Then why doesn't she just end it all  
Oh no. not me. I'm not ready for the final disappointment  
'Cause i know just as well as I'm standing here talking to you  
That when that final moment comes  
And I'm breathing my last breath  
I know what I'll be saying to myself  
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