

# Carnival

## Natalie Merchant

Well, I've walked these streets  
A virtual stage, it seemed to me  
Makeup on their faces  
Actors took their places next to meWell, I've walked these streets  
In a carnival, of sights to see  
All the cheap thrill seekers vendors and the dealers  
They crowded around meHave I been blind have I been lost  
Inside myself and my own mind  
Hypnotized, mesmerized by what my eyes have seen?Well, I've walked these streets  
In a spectacle of wealth and poverty  
In the diamond markets the scarlet welcome carpet  
That they just rolled out for meAnd I've walked these streets  
In the madhouse asylum they can be  
Where a wild-eyed misfit prophet  
On a traffic island stopped and he raved of saving meHave I been blind, have I been lost  
Inside myself and my own mind  
Hypnotized, mesmerized by what my eyes have seenHave I been wrong, have I been wise  
To shut my eyes and play along  
Hypnotized, paralyzed by what my eyes have found  
By what my eyes have seen  
What they have seen?Have I been blind  
Have I been lost  
Have I been wrong  
Have I been wise  
Have I been strong  
Have I been hypnotized, mesmerized by what my eyes have found  
In that great street carnivalHave I been blind  
Have I been lost  
Have I been wrong  
Have I been wise  
Have I been strong  
Have I been hypnotized, mesmerized by what my eyes have found  
In that great street carnivalIn that carnival

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