

Fare Thee Well, Miss Carousel

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Well the drunken clown's still hanging 'round
But it plain the laughter's all died down
The tears you tried so hard to hide
Are flowin' And a blind man with his knife in hand
Has convinced himself that he understands
I wish him well, Miss Carousel
But I gotta be a-goin' Won't you come and get me when
You're sure that you don't need me then
I'll stand outside your window
And proudly call your name Well the lady's been told that all of gold
Is worth so much it can't be sold
No time to weep she'll need her sleep
Tomorrow
When she carries her face to the market place
And bets it on the opening race
She can ring her bells, Miss Carousel
But her singing brings me sorrow Won't you come and get me when
You're sure that you don't need me then
I'll stand outside your window
And proudly call your name Well, it's always done every mother's son
Is shown that grown men never run
So they fight with all the might
Inside them When the battle's been fought and they all been taught
That the trick is just not being caught
Will you give them hell, Miss Carousel
When they're begging you to hide them
Won't you come and get me when
You're sure that you don't need me then
I'll stand outside your window
And proudly call your name When the need arose, your eyes fell closed
You clamped your fingers round your nose
Would you say that's any way
To judge him Well, you haven't got the authority
To kill him in the first degree
But would you feel compelled, Miss Carousel
If you had something to begrudge him On a velvet beach far beneath the reach
Of those that come to pray and preach
The natural man who tries to stand
Is fallin' Well how long will it be before he sees

You own his legs but his mind is free
Only you can tell, Miss Carousel
How long will he be crawling? Won't you come and get me when
You're sure that you don't need me then
I'll stand outside your window
And proudly call your name Oh, the castle wall has grown so tall
It seems there ain't no hope at all
To reach the top even though you stop
For breathin' But I ain't gonna try to make you cry
The tear drops couldn't find your eyes
It's all been swell, Miss Carousel
But the time has come for leavin' Won't you come and get me when
You're sure that you don't need me then
I'll stand outside your window
And proudly call your name Won't you come and get me when
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