

# Send in the clowns

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Isn't it rich?  
Are we a pair?  
Me here at last on the ground,  
You in mid-air.  
Send in the clowns. Isn't it bliss?  
Don't you approve?  
One who keeps tearing around,  
One who can't move.  
Where are the clowns?  
Send in the clowns. Just when I'd stopped  
Opening doors,  
Finally knowing  
The one that I wanted was yours,  
Making my entrance again  
With my usual flair,  
Sure of my lines,  
No one is there. Don't you love farce?  
My fault, I fear.  
I thought that you'd want what I want -  
Sorry, my dear.  
But where are the clowns?  
There ought to be clowns.  
Quick, send in the clowns. What a surprise.  
Who could foresee  
I'd come to feel about you  
What you'd felt about me?  
Why only now when I see  
That you'd drifted away?  
What a surprise.  
What a cliché. Isn't it rich?  
Isn't it queer?  
Losing my timing this late  
In my career?  
And where are the clowns?  
Quick, send in the clowns.  
Don't bother - they're here.

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