

# Carnival

## 10,000 Maniacs

I've walked these streets  
A virtual stage  
It seemed to me  
Make up on their faces  
Actors took their places next to me  
I've walked these streets in a carnival  
Of sights to see  
All the cheap thrill seekers  
The vendors and the dealers  
They crowded around me  
Have I been blind? Have I been lost  
Inside my self and my own mind  
Hypnotized, mesmerized  
By what my eyes have seen?  
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 me  
And I've walked these streets  
In the mad house asylum they can be  
Where a wild eyed misfit prophet  
On a traffic island stopped  
And he raved of saving me  
Have I been blind? Have I been lost  
Inside my self and my own mind  
Hypnotized, mesmerized  
By what my eyes have seen?  
Have I been wrong? Have I been wise  
To shut my eyes and play along  
Hypnotized and paralyzed by what my eyes have found  
By what my eyes have seen, by what they have seen?  
Have I been blind? Have I been lost?  
Oh have I been lost?  
Have I been wise? Have I been weak?  
Have I been strong? Oh have I been strong?  
Hypnotized and mesmerized  
By what my eyes have found  
By what my eyes have found

In that, that great street carnival  
[Incomprehensible] have I been blind? Have I been lost?  
    Oh have I been lost?  
    Have I been wise? Have I been weak?  
    Have I been strong? Oh have I been strong?  
    If I've been hypnotized and mesmerized  
        By what my eyes have found  
        By what my eyes have found  
In that, that great street carnival, in that carnival

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