## **Carnival**

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Come see fun for all ages,
the freaks in their cages.

Had you worse luck, you might stand in their place.
See the lights glowing,
the thrilling knife throwing.

Smile, point and laugh at the tigers restrained.
Just for one night it's a cheerful retreat.

We'll understand if you don't want to leave.
'Til you see the world turning without you.
The merry-go-round has left you behind.

You stand hollow and soaked through under the clouds and shattered street lights.

You stay unmoving as you wait for your turn. If one thing is proven, it's that you never learned how to tell when it's over.

Your carnival's gone forever. Forget about your pain.

We live to entertain!

Dear customer, we only want you to smile.

Everything's fine, dear.

You know we're all friends here.

Stay all you like, we'll be here for a while. Lose track of time, ain't that always the plan? Lose track of the outside, yes, we understand! We can watch the world turning without you.

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Don't leave us behind.

Never leave, we won't mind.

We have all you could want, though we don't mean to gloat.

What were you thinking when you were there sinking under the current, not trying to float? Flee from your fears

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to the cracks in the window
and maybe you might
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