

# Banbury Fair

## Fairport Convention

The month of October, nights drawing in  
A crescent moon hung in the sky  
Smoke out of chimneys, a frost on the ground  
Nothing is passing us by...

Me and a friend, with an evening to spare  
My shirt collar whiter than white  
We talked our way down to the middle of town  
With the music and movement and light

I rode the big wheel and got stuck at the top  
With the loveliest girl at the fair  
We had a different view of the old town hall clock  
As we swung to-and-fro in the air...

Shot on the rifle range, knocked them all down  
Missed at the coconut shy  
Closed eyes on the waters, we're spinning so fast  
We thought we were going to die

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Down by the boxing booth, acting all rough and tough  
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To the Teller Of Fate, we both had a go  
To see if she proved to be wrong  
We palmed her with silver, held onto our breath  
She gazed in her huge crystal ball...

"Seeing an animal, seven hands high  
Galloping wild and free  
Now the picture is fading, I see nothing more  
But a very good omen, you'll see"

We bet on a horse, promised another win  
With the name on our ticket, Live Duck  
So slow, even slower, she was the last post  
I thought we were in with some luck

Jumping into the air, "Damn, you bet mine"  
A winner right out of the blue  
Our hearts were in laughter as we both realized  
That's what the old gypsy knew

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