

Carnival Song

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I've been quite the traveler
Ever since I hit the road
And the sullen county carnival
Has been my earn in gold
I've been quite alone
Since I remember when
I turned my ultimatums
Into chips and cashed them in

I used to run the ferris wheel
But that would be hard to prove
I can't stand to see a rolling wheel
Propped up so it can't move
I used to run the carousel
Hell that's just round and round
And I never liked them ponies
Painted up and bolted down

The only thing that's keeping me
From staying here is leaving
The only thing that saves me from it all
Is I'll be gone
And just when I could trust
In all the things that I believe in
I had to pack it up and move along
And I'll tell you boys I'm not the only one

I played a straight man at the ring toss
But that was just a jaunt
I can't see throwing rings around things
You don't really want
I would run the rollercoaster
But that just breaks my heart
So much hard traveling
Just to wind up where you start
Now I just work the gateway
And I'm pretty satisfied
My little booth is red and blue
And I just sit inside
I just take your money
And I give tickets out to trade
I think about my life
And all the promises I made

And I'll tell you boys my work is never done
So like a sweet and salty gypsy kiss I'm gone