

# Carnival

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I quit the carnival and moved next door  
Thought I'd had enough but I wanted more  
So now I'm sneaking out at night  
I clean my face and shine my shoes  
And go where I'm not supposed to

See I tamed a lion once I stole his roar  
Stripped his pride away but he found more  
So now he's out to take what's his and shove  
My future in my face and scare me back in my place  
So soon so soon you've got it beat 'til it eats you

See I left my flaming sword beside your bed  
I woke to find it pressed against my neck  
You wept suggestion never works  
So now I'm trying something else  
I shut my eyes hold on... oh well  
And I felt a feather fall a tree trunk split  
Inside my lying mouth played violin  
He said you should give up your voice  
Before we both end up destroyed

I quit alright he purred good boy  
You'll fall for anything when you're caught  
You'll believe anyone and  
I said that's not exactly true  
Only you, you do what you do

You awake in the hospital in a thrift store suit  
You hear your lover's voice from the waiting room  
You shut your eyes and pray for peace  
Think I'm not here this isn't me  
This isn't something I would do  
I know the complicated truth  
A big top tent a firey sword  
I make a mask of lions roar  
But they're not real and never were  
And soon she won't be real either  
This is the life you went and earned  
Because you never fucking learn  
You could use up all of your years  
Fixing the mess you make in here  
So as her nervous dress draws closer  
Dress heels click off their approach  
You clutch your chest and whisper  
"oh no, what will I do? what will I do?  
My love, my love, what will I do?"