If you spend enough cash at the carnival games You'll have a prize in your hand when you walk away It'll slip through your fingers and you'll never know What winning's really like, at all I stayed here too long, now it's in my soul And when the thunder rolls, I've got nowhere to go I keep going round on this carousel Because it spins me so well And I'll stay with you just a little while There's so much for us to see and do

But don't mistake this for An adventure in paradise Just because the ride looks so good

Carnival games are so much fun to play
Hard to just walk away from
When all you want are pretty things
But the price you pay is always too much
I'll never dry up these tears
Cried from all the years of playing carnival games

To know which way to look, all the shining lights Sign your name on the postcard of your life And everyone will say that you came and conquered Yeah, you won the whole race

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Carnival games

I wanna shed all of my skin Feel my blood as it tastes the wind I don't know where to begin

Carnival games are so much fun to play
Hard to just walk away from
When all you want are pretty, pretty things
You can't walk away once you play the game
You can't get back what you paid from all the years
Of playing carnival games, carnival games

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