Have you ever been drivin' home late at night You found yourself enraptured by a captivatin' site? The mystical allure of blinkin', twinklin', twirly lights Shinin' in your baby's eyes, can seem so right

And that girl, she makes you stop, in that Wal-Mart parkin' lot The smell of sweaty people on the summer's air so hot And you buy a roll of tickets at fifty cents a pop And you're thinkin' that it's gonna be cool But I'm tellin' you that it's not, no

'Cause looks can be deceivin', if you know what I mean
A shiny patch of happiness may not be what it seems
I learned that lesson long ago, much to my chagrin
But not before the whole damn thing came crashin' to an end

And it looked so cool, and looked so fun, I thought
The picture-perfect perch from which to get me some the top
But the wheel, it was junk and that carny, he was drunk
And they sent my baby flyin' across the parkin' lot

Tilt-A-Whirl, it took my girl
Took my happiness away from me
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It's the bane of my existence, fellas, listen to me

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