

# We Stayed Too Long At The Fair

Billy Joe Shaver

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Only fools and little children refuse to realize  
That a fairground's painted lanterns are just lights in your eyes  
The ferris wheels and roller coaster rides they all have to end  
And everybody has to come back down to earth again

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We thought that big calliope would never end its song  
But we should have known that a merry-go-round can only turn so long  
I guess we just weren't ready for the carnival to end  
So we stood there frightened and alone when the real world set in

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