## **Carnival Song**

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