

(Have) I Stayed Too Long At The Fair

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I wanted the music to play on forever
Have I stayed too long at the fair?
I wanted the clown to be constantly clever
Have I stayed too long at the fair?

I bought me blue ribbons to tie up my hair,
But I couldn't find anybody to care
The merry-go-round is beginning to slow now
Have I stayed too long at the fair?

The music has stop and the children must go now
Have I stayed too long at the fair?
Oh, mother dear, I know you're very proud,
Your little girl in gingham is so far above the crowd

No, daddy dear, you never could have known
That I would be successful and so very much alone...
Here in New York I'm many worlds away
from people who are dear to me
Here in New York I'm learning everyday
how very sad a carnival can be

I wanted to live in a carnival city
With laughter and love everywhere

I wanted my friends to be thrilling and witty,
I wanted somebody to care
I found it was easy to capture success
but I've be willing to settle for less

The lights of the midway are failing above me
I better run home to the people who love me
for I've stayed too long at the fair