

Side Show Blues

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My landlady treats me like I don't pay my rent
Gave my car to my mechanic, I ain't seen it since
My phone is always ringing, when I want to be alone
They try and sell me everything from Heaven to cologne
Everybody's got an offer I can't refuse
It's a circus out here mama, Your baby's got the
sideshow blues

It's all a big commercial; It's a video of a man
It's a plot to put an end to my attention span
They make up all these issues, I never understood
If I thought I could change things I'd run out to
Hollywood
But it's hard to kick the door down wearing seven
dollar shoes
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I've got them sideshow blues
I want to tame the lions
These center ring rich kids ain't even trying
From college to the big top they take the best
positions
While I'm out in this tent with these freaks and
musicians
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musicians
I'm moaning them sideshow blues

I try to tell my girlfriend she's the only one that
I've got
This chick I hardly knows keeps on telling her she's
not
She got a loaded pistol, she waves it all the time
Says some times you gotta kill a boy to keep his ass in
line
Well that's the way she sees it, she says she saw it on
the news
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See people play satanic records, and you don't know
when they'll freak
From quiet kid to maniac to movie of the week
We're killing over cocaine, dying over sex
We're bowing down and praying to who'll ever cuts the
check
When I go to church on Sunday, I can't help sleep in
the pews (that's what I do)
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It's a circus people...Step Right Up