

## Seanan McGuire "Carnival Glass"

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They say little girls fall in love with their fathers;  
Well, my daddy was a carnie with a traveling show.  
Sideshow prince, the king of the midway --  
My mama was a one-night stand in Idaho.  
Mama did her best with what my daddy gave her,  
Taught me right from wrong and told me to behave.  
I tried to be good, but my best couldn't save her,  
And I hit the road while Mama was still warm in her  
grave.  
A ticket to the freakshow if you please,  
I've gone and caught my heritage just like a disease.  
There's no vaccination for what's bred in the bone.  
The angels take the good, the devil takes his own.  
They say little girls are all sugar and sunshine;  
Well, I was made of ticket stubs and carnival glass.  
Play to win, follow the lady --  
A dollar and a quarter for an all-night pass.  
I struck out to the west without a glance behind me,  
Nothing in my pocket but a hand and a prayer.  
The shadows crashed down so the light couldn't find  
me;  
No one ever promised me that life would be fair.  
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They say little girls should be seen and be silent;  
Well, I was screaming loud enough to turn back the  
wind.  
Miles to go, no rest for the wicked --  
I guess I'm just my daddy's daughter in the end.  
Mama's just a phantom on the midnight midway,  
Daddy works the ticket booth while I work the crowd.  
You can't change your nature -- I learned that the hard  
way.  
So I'll follow the lady 'til I make Daddy proud.  
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