

## Bruce Springsteen

### "Circus Song"

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The machinist climbs his ferris wheel like a brave  
And the fire eater's lyin' in a pool of sweat victim of the  
heatwave  
Behind the tent the leatherboy tightens his legs  
On the sword swallower's blade  
Circus town's on the shortwave

Well now (and) the runway lies ahead like a great false  
dawn  
Oh fat lady, Missy Bimbo, sits in her chair and yawns  
And the man-beast lies in his cage sniffin' popcorn  
The midget licks his fingers and suffers Missy Bimbo's  
scorn  
The circus town's been born

Oh and a (the) press-roll drummer go, ballerina to-and-  
fro  
Cart-wheelin' up on (across) the tightrope  
(And) with a cannon blast, lightning flash, moving fast  
through  
The tent Mars bent, he's gonna miss his fall  
Oh God save the human cannonball

And the flying Zambini's watch Marguerita do her neck  
twist  
(And) the ringmaster gets the crowd to count along  
Ninety-five, ninety-six,....ninety-seven  
And behind the tent half bent money spent  
With his wet face fallin' (make-up drippin') on the  
ground  
With a half-smile half-frown goin' down  
Oh Jesus sent some sweet women to save all the clowns

And circus boy dances like a monkey on barbed wire  
And the barker romances with a junkie, she's got a flat  
tyre  
And the elephants dance real funky, and the band  
plays like a jungle fire  
Circus town's on the live wire

Samson lifts the midget up above the liars

Hear the liars, they're outside crying  
Hear the liars, they're inside sighing  
Hear the liars, listenin' to the barker  
Hear the liars, watching the centre ring  
Oh hear the liars, up on the trapeze  
Oh hear the liars, feel their fire  
Oh hear the liars, feel their fire  
Oh hear the liars, they're all scared of

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