

## Daniel Johnston "Phantom Of My Own Opera"

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I'm the phantom of my own Opera  
Oh don't I know it  
And I think of you, sweetheart  
I'm lurking in the shadows  
Of my memory  
We were going to have a circus in the bar  
But the creature lurks among us  
The ghost of our past  
The gho-o-ost of our love  
And if I had my own way  
I always say that phrase  
I thought it was a phase  
But it wasn't  
And so here I am  
In my baggy-clown costume  
Perform any funny trick and throw a kiss  
To the audience  
And I'm wearing a mask  
But you don't have to ask  
Who I'm thinking about  
And there's a monkey in the background  
Hung by a rope from the ceiling  
And I'm the villain, acting fierce

And stretching whiskers toothsomely  
The phantom wears a black coat  
Long trousers and a derby  
Stands erect  
And cracks the whip loudly  
I'm the phantom of my own opera  
I perform all the parts  
And I think of you, sweetheart  
I'm even the audience  
And I can't help thinking  
We were going to have a circus in the bar  
Can't pull the curtain  
I can't help remembering  
Turn a somersault after singing a verse  
And the song is never ending  
And I never quit rehearsing  
A performance of a sad and twisted art  
And if I had my own way

I don't know what I'd do  
I probably wish it was you

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