

## **Blaine Larsen**

# **"Off To Join The World"**

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Now, friends listen well, let me tell you a story  
I remember just like yesterday  
Of a footloose young lad who ran off with the circus  
Much to his mama's dismay  
He was cleaning up after the elephants when  
This high-flying trapeze girl smiled down  
In search of a handsome companion because  
She had just broken up with a clown

Now the with one graceful aerial flip he was smitten  
With her and her little tutu  
Standing there love struck, why he almost stumbled  
Into the elephants doing their tricks  
And the ringmaster tipped his top hat and said  
Son, bid adieu to your heart  
And his words rang true right there under the  
bleachers  
Soon after that big top went dark

Now, the old bearded lady, she whispered "be careful"  
On the train to the very next town  
And the handful of midgets who ride unicycles  
Peddled by with one smile and four frowns  
So he had a vague sense of uneasiness when  
His new sweetheart opened the door  
And he knew when he saw the clown standing behind  
her  
In front of her, there stood one more

Now, I can't say for sure if it was Barnum or Bailey  
To whom I handed the note  
But a tall skinny feller standing on stilts  
First read these words that I wrote  
It said I promise to never again give my heart  
To some high-flying trapeze girl  
Goodbye cruel circus  
I'm off to join the world

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