

## **Fatima Mansions "The Great Valerio"**

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High up above the crowd  
the great Valerio is walking  
The rope seems hung from cloud to cloud  
and time stands still as he is walking  
His eye is steady on the target  
His foot is sure upon the rope  
Alone and peaceful as a mountain  
and certain as a mountain slope

We falter at the sight  
We stumble in the mire  
Fools who think they see the light  
Prepare to balance on the wire  
But we learn to watch together  
and feed on what we see above  
until our hearts turn like the seasons  
and we are acrobats of love

CHORUS:

How we wonder, how we wonder, watching down below  
We would all be that great hero  
The Great Valerio

So come all you upstart jugglers  
Are you really ready yet?  
Who will help the tightrope walker  
when soon he tumbles to the net?  
So come with me to see Valerio  
as he dances through the air  
I'm your friend until you use me  
and then be sure I won't be there

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