

## **Fish**

# **"Carnival Man"**

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It's a quarter past midnight and she aint no Cinderella  
She's swallowed all your best lines and she's staying in  
the hotel

You've got a number from the bar tab that she's  
running

The circus comes to town

Temptation! Oooh, such a temptation!  
Such a temptation!

The cage door is open and you're living on the high  
wire

Clowning in the spotlight you've got no one to bring you  
down

The cab's impatient, this lady's willing  
The ringmaster calls you down

Temptation! Oh, such a temptation!  
Temptation! Oh, such a temptation!

The Carnival Man! So glad to know you  
The Carnival Man! You're shaking hands with  
The Carnival Man! So pleased to meet you  
The Carnival Man! Call me Mister Temptation

Like a bullet in a chamber that you're thinking is empty  
You press it to your temple with a finger on the trigger  
An act of bravado, an act of defiance  
It's all eyes upon you now

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Is there anything you want?  
Anything you desire?  
Just tell me anything you need

They call me Mister Temptation

You're the life and soul of every party  
Now you're walking wounded, just another casualty  
You've got my sympathy, you've got my calling card  
This call's collect

I'm the Carnival Man  
You may remember me as Mister Temptation  
Carnival Man  
This is the day that the circus leaves town  
Goodbye, Carnival Man  
This is the day that the circus leaves town  
Goodbye  
This is the day that the circus leaves town

There is a long (well over a minute) instrumental break  
before the verse  
beginning "You're the life and soul...".

-- Geoff Parks

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