

Graham Parker

"They Murdered The Clown"

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Pre>intro: a em a em gm

A em g d

The ringmaster looked a bit pasty and down dying as
he was to get out of town

A em

The lions and the tigers had gnawed at his feet

G d

But the lion tamer's whip hurt much more than their
teeth

A em g d

The giovanni sisters performed in a sweat someone cut
holes in the safety net

A em

The ritzo brothers cancelled at the last minute

G d

But no one missed their act there wasn't much in it

Chorus

A em d a

And after the show that night the clowns had the
makeup wiped from their faces

A em d a

When somebody pulled a knife and cut off coco's
bright red braces

A d a e a d a e

They murdered the clown they wiped that grin right off
his face

A d a e a d a e

They murdered the clown still the world's not a funnier
place

Em gm

Funnier place (first and last time only)

The kids rode the elephant heavy as lead

I think he'd much rather have sat on their heads

They're ripping the horn from the rhino tonight

So some fat sheik can fuck all night

And watch out for coco when he's had a drink

He'll tickle the children right where they're pink

You might run away with the circus for fun

But it looks more like somewhere that you'd run from

(repeat chorus)

You should see the fear on the dancing bears' faces
Take off their muzzles and check out the view
The gypsy boys seem such colourful characters
But you wouldn't want them moving in next to you
And after the whole lot has pulled out of town
The ringmaster still looks like he's going to drown
He pulls out a long knife that bears his initials
And buries it deep before he blows the whistle

A em

She looked at him sideways she looked at him dark

G d

She pulled at her beard and she started to bark

A em

He told her before not to mess with the staff

G

But she fell for the clown because she said he made
her laugh (repeat chorus) /pre>

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