

## Jeff Black

### "Carnival Song"

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I've been quite the traveler  
Ever since I hit the road  
And the sullen county carnival  
Has been my earn in gold  
I've been quite alone  
Since I remember when  
I turned my ultimatums  
Into chips and cashed them in

I used to run the ferris wheel  
But that would be hard to prove  
I can't stand to see a rolling wheel  
Propped up so it can't move  
I used to run the carousel  
Hell that's just round and round  
And I never liked them ponies  
Painted up and bolted down

The only thing that's keeping me  
From staying here is leaving  
The only thing that saves me from it all  
Is I'll be gone  
And just when I could trust  
In all the things that I believe in  
I had to pack it up and move along  
And I'll tell you boys I'm not the only one

I played a straight man at the ring toss  
But that was just a jaunt  
I can't see throwing rings around things  
You don't really want  
I would run the rollercoaster  
But that just breaks my heart  
So much hard traveling  
Just to wind up where you start  
Now I just work the gateway  
And I'm pretty satisfied  
My little booth is red and blue  
And I just sit inside  
I just take your money  
And I give tickets out to trade

I think about my life  
And all the promises I made

And I'll tell you boys my work is never done  
So like a sweet and salty gypsy kiss I'm gone

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