

Richard Shindell "Fourth Of July, Asbury Park"

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Sandy, the fireworks are hailin' over Little Eden tonight
Forcin' a light into all those stony faces left stranded on
this warm July

Down in town the circuit's full of switchblade lovers, so
fast, so shiny, so sharp

As the wizards play down on Pinball Way on the
boardwalk way past dark

And the boys from the casino dance with their shirts
open like Latin lovers on the shore

Chasin' all them silly New York virgins by the score

Sandy, the aurora is risin' behind us

Those pier lights, our carnival life forever

Oh, love me tonight, for I may never see you again

Hey, Sandy girl... my baby

Now the greasers, they tramp the streets or get busted
for sleepin' on the beach all night

Them boys in their high heels, ah Sandy, their skins are
so white

And me, I just got tired of hangin' in them dusty
arcades, bangin' them pleasure machines

Chasin' the factory girls underneath the boardwalk,
where they all promised to unsnap their jeans

And you know that Tilt-a-Whirl down on the south beach
drag? I got on it last night and my shirt got caught

And it kept me spinnin', they didn't think I'd ever get off

Sandy, the aurora is risin' behind us

Those pier lights, our carnival life on the water

Runnin', laughin' underneath the boardwalk with the
boss's daughter

I remember, Sandy girl... my baby

Sandy, the waitress I was seein' lost her desire for me
I spoke with her last night, she said she won't set
herself on fire for me anymore

She worked that joint under the boardwalk, she was
always the girl you saw boppin' down the beach with
the radio

Kids say last night she was dressed like a star in one of
the cheap little seaside bars, and I saw her parked with

her lover boy out on the Kokomo
Did you hear, the cops finally busted Madame Marie for
tellin' fortunes better than they do?
For me this carnival life's through-- you ought to quit
this scene too

Sandy, the aurora is risin' behind us
Those pier lights, our carnival life forever
Oh, love me tonight and I promise I'll love you forever
Oh, I mean it, Sandy girl

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