

## Ani DiFranco "Freakshow"

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life in the circus ain't easy  
but the folks on the outside don't know  
the tent goes up and the tent comes down  
and all that they see is the show  
and the ladies on the horses look so pretty  
and the lions are lookin real mad  
and some of the clowns are happy  
and some of the clowns are sad

but underneath  
there's another expression  
that the makeup isn't making  
life under the big top  
it's about freedom  
it's about faking  
there's an art to the laughter  
there's a science  
and there's a lot of love  
and compliance

welcoem to the freakshow  
here we go...  
we live to hear the slack-jawed gasping  
we live under a halo of held breath  
and when the children raise up a giant shield  
of laughter, it's like they're fending off death  
and we can make somethig bigger  
then anyone of us alone  
and then the clowns will take off their makeup  
and the people will go home

but life on the outside ain't easy  
no sequins, no elephants,  
no parading around  
yeah, the tent goes up  
and the tent comes down  
and they're stuck in this fucking town

you need a lot of love and compliance

welcome to the freakshow  
here we go

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