

The Magnetic Fields "Promises of Eternity"

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What if the show didn't go on?
What if we all got jobs and got to bed before dawn?
What if old Joe had to retire?
What if all the stage hands were let go or fired?

That's just like what the world would be
If you fell out of love with me

I can't let this happen to you
Don't you let it happen to me
What would our friends and family say?
If they could only see

If you let this happen to us
Don't think you'd be setting me free
Wasn't it you and I
Who made promises of eternity?

What if the lights didn't go on?
What if the velvet curtain had to be taken down?
What if the clowns couldn't be clowns?
And all those painted smiles gave in to plaintive frowns

What if no show ever happened again?
No seven, no eight and a half, no nine and no ten
All numbers and no mystery
No promise of eternity

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