

## Fare Thee Well, Miss Carousel

Townes Van Zandt

[Verse 1]

Well the drunken clown's still hanging 'round  
But it's plain the laughter's all died down  
The tears you tried so hard to hide are flowing  
And a blind man with his knife in hand  
Has convinced himself that he understands  
I wish him well, Miss Carousel  
But I gotta be a-goin'

[Chorus]

Won't you come and get me when  
You're sure that you don't need me then  
I'll stand outside your window  
And proudly call your name

[Verse 2]

Well the lady's been told that all the gold  
Is worth so much it can't be sold  
No time to weep, she'll need her sleep  
tomorrow  
When she carries her face to the market place  
And bets it on the opening race  
She can ring her bells, Miss Carousel  
But her singing brings me sorrow

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

Well, it's always done, every mother's son  
Is shown that grown men never run  
So they fight with all the might inside them  
When the battle's been fought and they've all  
been taught  
That the trick is just not being caught  
Will you give 'em hell, Miss Carousel  
When they're begging you to hide them

[Chorus]

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[Verse 4]

When the need arose, your eyes fell closed  
You clamped your fingers 'round your nose  
Would you say that's any way to judge him?  
Well, you haven't got the authority  
To kill him in the first degree  
But would you feel compelled, Miss Carousel  
If you had something to begrudge him?

[Solo]

[Verse 5]

On a velvet beach far beneath the reach  
Of those that come to pry and preach  
The natural man that tried to stand is fallin'  
Well how long will it be before he sees  
You own his legs but his mind is free  
Only you can tell, Miss Carousel  
How long will he be crawling?

[Chorus]

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[Verse 6]

Ah the castle wall's grown so tall  
Seems there ain't no hope at all  
To reach the top  
Even though you stop for breathing  
But I ain't gonna try to make you cry  
The tear drops couldn't find your eyes  
It's all been swell, Miss Carousel  
But the time has come for leaving

[Chorus]

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