

"Under the Striped Tent"

In a marvelous city a world exists

Dreams are alive

Fear clutches the heart

A family comes to town for one night only

The king of the jungle rattles his cage

Barnum and company take center stage

The curtain falls

Hearts are filled with awe

African giants play a trumpet tune

Acrobats fly

A cannon shoots

The clowns make their rounds

There's not a single frown

It's all fun and games

The circus is in town

Come one! Come all!

It is money well spent

Imagination is alive

Under the striped tent

"The Lighthouse"

In solitude he stands on the ocean shore
The gulls lay at rest upon his shoulders
Lonely is the man charged with his care
The cold night falls
His light shines through the darkness
The tempest roars
Yet he remains
He brings hope to the voyager
And to those drifting away

"Noir"

Late night in the old diner
Detective Mullins
New York's finest
Dropped a case
His partner erased
Blue blood spilled
Give the coffee a taste

Two sugars with cream
No need to make a scene
Sitting in silence
Patiently waiting
Eager for vengeance
Burdened with penance
Life is a teacher
Death is a lesson