Carnival

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Well I've walked these streets
A virtual stage it seemed to me
Makeup on their faces
Actors took their places next to meWell I've walked these streets
In a carnival of sights to see
All the cheap thrill seekers
The vendors and the dealers they crowded around meHave I been blind

Have I been lost inside myself and my own mind

Hypnotized mesmerized by what my eyes have seen

Well I've walked these streets
In a spectacle of wealth and poverty
In the diamond market

The scarlet welcome carpet that they just rolled out for meAnd I've walked these streets

In the madhouse asylum they can be

Where a wild eyed misfit prophet on a traffic island stopped
And he raved of saving meHave I been blind
Have I been lost inside myself and my own mind
Hypnotized mesmerized by what my eyes have seenHave I been wrong

Have I been wise to shut my eyes and play along Hypnotized paralyzed by what my eyes have found

By what my eyes have seen What they have seen Have I been blind

Have I been lost have I been wrong
Have I been wise have I been strong
Have I been hypnotized mesmerized
By what my eyes have foundIn that great street carnival
In that carnival

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