

The Greatest Show On Earth
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capo 1st fret

D G D G
Step up, buy a ticket - Front row, centre seat
D G Em A
A real live human drama of love and defeat
D G D G
Don t worry bout the cost my friend, you ll get your money s worth
D A Bm Em A D G D G
As a man and a woman star in the greatest show on earth

D G D G
May I direct your attention now, to ring number one
D G Em A
A man and a woman, the affair has just begun
D G D G
And they waltz beneath the spotlight to a round of warm applause
D G Em A
Then he puts on his clown mask and she her tiger claws
Bm C Bm C
As the band breaks into a rumba, they re blowing for all their worth
D A Bm Em A D G D G
It s the end of act one, in the greatest show on earth

D G D G
May I direct your attention now, to ring number three
D G Em A
A man is in the spotlight, the clown is on his knees
D G D G

He s kneeling beside a dancer, who has fallen from the wire
D **G** **Em** **A**
 Working without a net, was she the victim of desire?
Bm **C** **Bm** **C**
 And the crowd begins to wonder is this an act or is she hurt?
D **A** **Bm** **Em** **A** **D** **G** **D** **G**
 As the spotlight dims to darkness in the greatest show on earth

D **G** **D** **G**
 And now we re in the centre ring, they re lowering the cage
D **G** **Em** **A**
 The lion and the tigress acting out their final rage
D **G** **D** **G**
 But little children don t be scared when you hear that closing song
D **G** **Em** **A**
 The love affair has ended, but the show it must go on
Bm **C** **Bm** **C**
 And the circus train moves down the line from Memphis to Fort Worth
D **A** **Bm** **Em** **A** **D** **G** **D** **G**
 Appearing now in your hometown, the greatest show on earth

D **G** **D**
 Step up buy a ticket...

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