

Fare Thee Well Miss Carousel
Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

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B	----	-----	-----
G	----	-----	-----
D	----	-----	-----
A	----	-3-----3---5--7-----7--	-7h8-----7-\5--5-----3--
E	-3--	-----3---3---5-----	-----3-----3h5-----

C	Em	F Em	Dm	
G	F	C	C	

[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-going

[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

F **Em** **Dm**
and bets it on the opening race
G
She can ring her bells, Miss Carousel,
F **C**
but her singing brings me sorrow

[Chorus]

Am **Em**
Won t you come and get me when
Am **Em**
You re sure that you don t need me then
Am **Em**
I ll stand outside your window
F **Em** **G** **G7**
and proudly call your name

[Verse 3]

C **Em**
Well, it s always done, every mothers son
F **Em** **Dm**
is shown that grown men never run
G **F** **C**
And so they fight with all the might inside them
C **Em**
When the battle s been fought n they ve all been taught
F **Em** **Dm**
that the trick is just not being caught
G
Will you give em hell, Miss Carousel,
F **C**
when they re begging you to hide them

[Chorus]

Am **Em**
Won t you come and get me when
Am **Em**
You re sure that you don t need me then
Am **Em**
I ll stand outside your window
F **Em** **G** **G7**
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[Verse 4]

C **Em**
When the need arose, your eyes fell closed
F **Em** **Dm**
You clamped your fingers round your nose
G **F** **C**
Would you say, that s any way to judge him
C **Em**
Well, you haven t got the authority
F **Em** **Dm**

to kill him in the first degree

G

But would you feel compelled, Miss Carousel,

F

C

if you had something to begrudge him

[Instrumental]

| **Am** | **Em** | **Am** | **Em** | **Am** | **Em** | **F** |
| **Em** | **Em** | **G** | **G7** |

[Verse 5]

C

Em

On a velvet beach far beneath the reach

F

Em

Dm

of those who come to pry and preach

G

F

C

The natural man that tried to stand is falling

C

Em

Well, how long will it be before he sees

F

Em

Dm

you own his legs but his mind is free

G

Only you can tell, Miss Carousel,

F

C

how long will he be crawling

[Chorus]

Am

Em

Won t you come and get me when

Am

Em

You re sure that you don t need me then

Am

Em

I ll stand outside your window

F

Em

G

G7

and proudly call your name

[Verse 6]

C

Em

Ah, the castle wall has grown so tall

F

Em

Dm

Seems there ain t no hope at all

G

F

C

to reach the top even though you stopped for breathing

C

Em

But I ain t gonna try to make you cry,

F

Em

Dm

the teardrops couldn t find your eyes

G

It s all been swell, Miss Carousel,

F

C

but the time has come for leaving

[Chorus]

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You re sure that you don t need me then
 Am **Em**
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 F **Em** **G** **G7**
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Note: Townes uses hammer-ons during the initial Em and ending C chord.