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FUNNY BUSINESS

Mother and child wander through the circus grounds
colourful stands and oddball characters entertain
fairy floss and soft drinks the lunch of choice
kids run about with toys as rewards under their arms.

The child knows she can't win a prize
not because she doesn't know how to play the games
but the fact she has no money of her own
she can only watch from the outside.

Mother leaves her child on the merry-go-round
and hides behind a stall with the clown
the ride ends and child wanders for mother
finds her in the arms of the entertainer.

A tear rolls down her face and
loses her smile for clowns.