

Mark Eitzel, Stunned & Frozen

Tragedy at the circus
The trapeze artist fell
And the crowd scattered and ran
He got up walking
Had nowhere to go
He was staring at the ground

The rain has passed over
Leaving him high and staring into the river
Like his home was in the frozen water
That's turning rings around him
Ringing and ringing and ringing and ringing
Stunned and frozen
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The streets and trees and the headlights
Are more nails hammering in a coffin
Excuses for boundaries that pull you apart
Coming undone, invisible with fear

The rain has passed over
Leaving him high and staring into the roaring river
Like home was in the frozen water
That's turning rings around him
Ringing and ringing and ringing and ringing
Stunned and frozen
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Some hours after midnight he threw his watch away
Time is thin as a rope
And heavy as thunder
If I get sick like an animal
Giving up the ghost
With thoughts of Christmas and Burl Ives
And no wonder

The rain has passed over
The sky is clear with wind
And I'm a pearl diver
Tell the cops I was looking for pearls in the water
Saying goodbye with nothing to discover
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Beautiful Europeans sitting outside drinking desserts
Only a fool carries around the burden of justice
Excuse me, can I sit at your table?
I'm an expert in lifelike impressions
Though I know something is always lost in the translation

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The sky is clear with wind and I'm a pearl diver
Tell the cops I saw pearls in the water
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