

The Manhattan Transfer, Tubby At The Circus

Tubby (Tim Hauser)

When the buds begin to pop
And the robin takes a hop
Everybody says, "It's spring today!"
I suppose that may be so,
But I'd like for you to know
I can always tell it's spring another way/
I can always tell it's spring
When the circus comes to town;
It makes me want to sing
When I bump into a clown!
When the circus marches past
And the band goes tan-ta-ra
I know it's spring at last,
And my heart goes, "OOM-PAH!"

Tubby's Idea (Cheryl Bentyne)

Alley-oop, OOM-PAH,
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An acrobat you ought to be,
Alley-oop, OOM-PAH,
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Hey Tubby! You'd be a sight to see!

Elephant (Alan Paul)

Be yourself, you can't be anybody else,
Be yourself is my advice to you,
Or else you'll always be a nobody,
So be yourself, or else.
A hippopotamus
Would look very curious
Flying like a butterfly;
A fierce and hungry lion
Would look silly tryin'
To bake an apple pie.
I think you'd get a laugh
If you saw a tall giraffe
Swinging by his tail from a tree;
I think an octopus
Would look quite ridiculous
Knitting sweaters at the bottom of the sea.
So be yourself, and do the things that you know best,
Be yourself, I think that you'd be happiest
By being no one else but you.