

no laughter.
not even chuckles.
not even stupidly grinning cotton candy mouths.
the ringmaster told them to turn
in their water squirting sunflowers
and ordered the elephants to tow
the camouflage painted clown car away.

no one ever wants it to come back.
revoke their variety performers entertainment union cards.
some things are not humorous no matter how they are dressed.
some things are not humorous no matter how much you drink.

in the clown car front seat she begged him
to stop and read the unfolding map.
in the back seat the children tormented each other
with... just make him stop he keeps looking at me game.
with... just make her stop she keeps looking at me game.

punch and judy armed with assault rifles and rightwing commando knives.

militia clown car on the way to the rally.
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