

## The Clown

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I have been the clown.

I have dodged great beasts  
and made the whole world laugh.

I have juggled and leapt  
and forged art with my hands

I have been a clown  
and I have stumbled and tumbled  
into the hearts of crowds

I have promised happiness to sad hearts  
and brought them up when they were down.

I have been the clown.

I have been a clown  
and I have confused the circus as the town.

I have brought to life another world  
and I have let the real world down.

I have been the clown.