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 Well in nineteen-forty one a happy father had a son
 And by nineteen-forty four the father walks right out the door
 And in forty five the mom and son were still alive
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 But who could tell in forty six if the two were to survive

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 Well the years were passing quickly, but not fast enough for him
 So he closed his eyes through fifty five, then he opened them up again
 Then he looked around he saw a clown and the clown seemed very gay
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 And he set that night to join that circus clown and run away

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 Well he followed every railroad track and every highway sign
 And he had a girl in each new town and the towns he left behind
 And the open road was the only road he knew
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 But the color of his dreams was slowly turning into blue

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 Then he met a girl, the kind of girl he wanted all his life
 She was soft and kind and good to him, so he took her for a wife
 And they got a house not far from town and in a little while
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 The girl had seen the doctor and she came home with a smile

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 Now in nineteen-sixty one a happy father had a son
 And by nineteen-sixty four the father walked right out the door
 And in sixty five the mom and son were still around
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 But what will happen to the boy when the circus comes to town