

## London

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My parents were amazed  
That nothing seemed to please me,  
That everything they praised  
Just left me looking sullen  
And feeling slightly dazed.



Oh, Piccadilly Circus  
Was just a roundabout,  
No monkeys there, no horses,  
No tigers leaping out.  
You see, I thought a circus  
Was always just the same.  
I never guessed that it could be  
A lying, cheating NAME.



Elizabeth Jennings

*Click on the speaker to have the poem read to you.*

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