

Oh Fred, Tell Them To Stop - song lyrics

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Oh! Fred, Tell them to Stop
As sung by Tom Sayers.

No doubt you have heard of the great Fancy Fair
That used to take place every day;
Well, I thought for amusement I'd take my girl there,
To pass a dull hour away.
We went in, you must know, and saw Richardson's show,
And Wombwell's Menagerie, as well;
There were roundabouts, swings, and all kinds of things,
Forget the day I never shall.

Spoken- Yes, when we got into the Pair my girl wanted to
have a ride on one of the roundabouts. I said, " All right, my
darling," and we had a swing, but directly the swing went to
and fro she lustily called out-

Chorus.
"Oh! Fred, tell them to stop!" that was the cry of Maria;
But the more she said " Whoa," they said " Let it go,"
And the swing went a little bit higher.

The people that stood 'round, of course they all laugh'd,
But I only said, " Stop the swing."
There were four or five others in the boats besides us,
Saying, "Master, don't do such a thing."
Then four or five roughs caught hold of the ropes,
Maria fell down on her knee,
And one of them said, "The young man's turning red,
But isn't he having a spree."-Chorus.

They soon stopped the swing, and Maria got out,
And quickly fell down on the floor;
They brought her some water, which soon brought her to-
This girl whom I now do adore.
Should you ever go there, to the great Fancy Fair,
Friends, take advice whilst I sing
Of the great roundabout, it's the best fun that's out,
And finish the day with a swing.

Spoken - Mark, now, before you go into the swing boat make
a bargain with your young lady not to call out-Chorus.