

Hourglass

Demise of the Big Top

Hartford, Connecticut circus fire. July 6, 1944

- a It was to be end of big tent.
b Delays, malfunctions are to blame
a for the tragic circus event.
b 7,000 people came.
- c The small flame worse than they could know.
d Fire with hundreds caught in it.
c Twenty minutes into the show
d The tent came down in eight minutes.
- e The people darted to and fro
f Fire made all the clowns frown
e I was four. I would not go
f Ill-fated circus came to town.

Hourglass: Syllable Count: 8 per line. Three Stanzas.

Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b c-d-c-d e-f-e-f

The poem is written upside down from the last line to the first line and must make sense when read both ways.