

## The Circle Game (Joni Mitchell)

**C** **F** **C** **F** **G** **G7**  
Yesterday a child came out to wonder Caught a dragonfly inside a jar  
**C** **F** **Em** **F** **C** **G7** **C** **F** **C**  
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder And tearful at the falling of a star

**C** **F** **C** **F** **G** **G7**  
Then the child moved ten times round the seasons Skated over ten clear frozen streams  
**C** **F** **Em** **F** **C** **G7** **C** **F** **C**  
Words like when you're older must appease him And promises of someday make his dreams

**CHORUS** **C** **Em** **Dm** **C**  
And the seasons they go round and round  
**C** **Em** **Dm** **C**  
And the painted ponies go up and down  
**F** **C**  
We're captive on the carousel of time  
**F** **Em** **F**  
We can't return we can only look Behind from where we came  
**C** **Em** **Dm7** **G7** **C** **F** **C**  
And go round and round and round In the Circle Game

**C** **F** **C** **F** **G** **G7**  
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now Cartwheels turn to car wheels thru the town  
**C** **F** **Em**  
And they tell him take your time it won't be long now  
**F** **C** **G7** **C** **F** **C**  
Till you drag your feet to slow the circles down **CHORUS**

**C** **F** **C**  
So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty  
**C** **F** **G** **G7**  
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true  
**C** **F** **Em**  
There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams and plenty  
**F** **C** **G7** **C** **F** **C**  
Before the last revolving year is through **CHORUS**