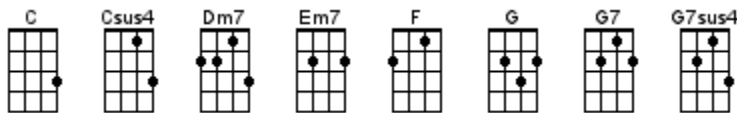


# The Circle Game

Joni Mitchell 1970



**INTRO:** / 1 2 3 4 /

[C][Csus4] / [C][Csus4] / [C][Csus4] / [C][Csus4] /

[C] Yesterday a [F] child came out to [C] wonder [Csus4] / [C] /  
[C] Caught a dragon-[F]fly inside a [G7] jar [G7sus4] / [G7] /  
[C] Fearful when the [F] sky was full of [Em7] thunder [Em7]  
And [F] tearful at the [C] falling [G7] of a [C] star [Csus4] / [C]

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And the [C] painted ponies go [G] up [F] and [C] down  
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[F] We can't return we can only look  
Be-[Em7]hind from where we [F] came  
And go [Em7] round and round and [Dm7] round  
In the [G7] circle [C] game [Csus4] / [C] /

[C] Then the child moved [F] ten times round the [C] seasons [Csus4] / [C] /  
[C] Skated over [F] ten clear frozen [G7] streams [G7sus4] / [G7] /  
[C] Words like when you're [F] older must ap-[Em7]pease him [Em7]  
And [F] promises of [C] 'someday' [G7] make up his [C] dreams [Csus4] / [C]

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[C] Sixteen springs and [F] sixteen summers [C] gone now [Csus4] / [C] /  
[C] Cartwheels turn to [F] car wheels thru the [G7] town [G7sus4] / [G7]  
And they [C] tell him take your [F] time it won't be [Em7] long now [Em7]  
Till you [F] drag your feet to [C] slow the [G7] circles [C] down [Csus4] / [C]

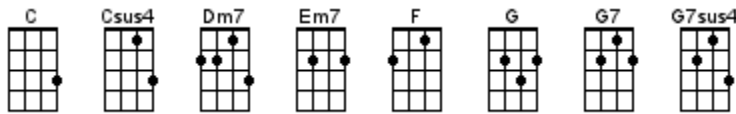
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So the [C] years spin by and [F] now the boy is [C] twenty [Csus4] / [C]  
 Though his [C] dreams have lost some [F] grandeur coming [G7] true [G7sus4] / [G7]  
 There'll be [C] new dreams maybe [F] better dreams and [Em7] plenty [Em7]  
 Be-[F]fore the last re-[C]volving [G7] year is [C] through [Csus4] / [C]

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