# The Circle Game

Joni Mitchell 1970

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**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]**

**CHORUS:**

And the **[C]** seasons they go **[G]** round **[F]** and **[C]** round

And the **[C]** painted ponies go **[G]** up **[F]** and **[C]** down

**[F]** We're captive on the carousel of **[C]** time **[Csus4] / [C] /**

**[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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In the **[G7]** circle **[C]** game **[Csus4] / [C]**

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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In the **[G7]** circle **[C]** game **[Csus4] / [C][Csus4]**

And go **[Em7]** round and round and **[Dm7]** round

In the **[G7]** circle **[C]** game **[Csus4] / [C][G] / [C]↓**

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