

Circle Game (Joni Mitchell)

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

Chorus:

F **C**
And the seasons they go round and round
F **C**
And the painted ponies go up and down
F **C** **C7**
We're captive on the carousel of time
F
We can't return we can only look
Em **F**
Behind from where we came
G **F** **G** **C**
And go round and round and round in the circle game

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

(Chorus)

C **F** **C**
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now
F **G**
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** **G** **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
F **G**
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true
C **F** **Em**
There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams and plenty
F **C** **G** **C**
Before the last revolving year is through

(Chorus)

