

Circle of Steel

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Intro: D C D G D G// A// Cmaj7 D D

D C D G
Rows of lights in a circle of steel where you place your bets on a great big wheel

D C G D
High windows flickering down through the snow, a time you know

D G// A// Cmaj7 D D
Sights and sounds of the people going round, everybody's in step with the season

D C D G
A child is born to a welfare case where the rats run around like they own the place

D C G D
The room is chilly, the building is old, that's how it goes

D G// A// Cmaj7 D D
A doctor's found on his welfare rounds and he comes and he leaves on the double

D C D G
Deck The Halls was the song they played in the flat next door where they shout all day

D C G D
She tips her gin bottle back till it's gone, the child is strong

D G// A// Cmaj7 D
A week, a day, they will take it away for they know about all her bad habits

D G// A// Cmaj7 D

D C D G
Christmas dawns and the snow lets up and the sun hits the handle of her heirloom cup

D C G D
She hides her face in her hands for a while, says look here child

D G// A// Cmaj7 D D
Your father's pride was his means to provide and he's serving three years for that reason

<Repeat 1st verse>

