

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken

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G G7 C G  
I was standing by the window on a cold and cloudy day  
G Em G// D7// G  
When I saw the hearse come rolling for to carry my mother away

G G7 C G  
Will the circle be unbroken by and by Lord, by and by  
G Em G// D7// C  
There's a better home awaiting in the sky Lord, in the sky

G G7 C G  
I said to the undertaker, "Undertaker please drive slow  
G Em G// D7// G  
For this lady you are carrying, Lord I hate to see her go."

## <Chorus>

G G7 C G  
Oh, I followed close behind her tried to hold up and be brave  
G Em G// D7// G  
But I could not hide my sorrow when they laid her in the grave

## <Chorus>

G G7 C G  
I went back home, home was so lonely, for my mother, she was gone  
G Em G// D7// G  
All my family there was crying for our home felt sad and alone

## <Chorus>

G G7 C G  
Undertaker, undertaker, won't you please drive slow  
G Em G// D7// G  
For that lady you are hauling, Lord, I hate to see her go

## <Chorus>

The original 1907 hymn has lyrics that are much less personal. The Carter family turned it into the haunting song we know today.

