

THE CIRCLE GAME (JONI MITCHELL, 1966)

C F C F G
Yesterday a child came out to wonder, caught a dragonfly inside a jar

C F Em
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder

F G C
And tearful at the falling of a star

Chorus:

C F C
And the seasons they go round and round

C F C F C
And the painted ponies go up and down. We're captive on the carousel of time

F Em F
We can't return we can only look behind from where we came

Em 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

C F G
Skated over ten clear frozen streams

C F Em
Words like when you're older must appease him

F G C
And promises of someday make his dreams (Chorus)

C F C
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now

C 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 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

C 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 G C
Before the last revolving year is through (Chorus)