

THE CIRCLE GAME

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INTRO {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2}

- 1) Yesterday A Child Came Out To Wonder
Caught A Dragonfly Inside A Jar
Fearful When The Sky Was Full Of Thunder
And Tearful At The Falling Of A Star
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CHORUS

*And The Seasons They Go Round And Round
And The Painted Ponies Go Up And Down
We're Captive On The Carousel Of Time
We Can't Return We Can Only Look
Behind From Where We Came
And Go Round And Round And Round
In The Circle Game*

- 2) Then The Child Moved Ten Times Round The Seasons
Skated Over Ten Clear Frozen Streams
Words Like, When You're Older, Must Appease Him
And Promises Of Someday Make His Dreams

CHORUS

- 3) Sixteen Springs And Sixteen Summers Gone Now
Cartwheels Turn To Car Wheels Thru The Town
And They Tell Him, Take Your Time, It Won't Be Long Now
Till You Drag Your Feet To Slow The Circles Down

CHORUS

- 4) So The Years Spin By And Now The Boy Is Twenty
Though His Dreams Have Lost Some Grandeur Coming True
There'll Be New Dreams, Maybe Better Dreams And Plenty
Before The Last Revolving Year Is Through

CHORUS

INTRO {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2} {G,2} {C/G,2}

- 1) {G} Yesterday a {C} Child Came Out To {G,2m} Wonder...
 {G} Caught A Dragon {C} Fly Inside A {D,2m} Jar...
 {G} Fearful When The {C} Sky Was Full Of {Bmi,2m} Thunder... And
 {C} Tearful At The {G,2} Falling {D,2} Of A {G,2m} Star...

CHORUS

*And The {G} Seasons They Go {Bmi,1} Round {Ami,1} And
 {G,2} Round And The {G} Painted Ponies Go
 {Bmi,1} Up {Ami,1} And {G,2} Down...
 {C,2m} We're Captive On The Carousel Of {G,2m} Time...
 {C,2m} We Can't Return We Can Only Look
 {Bmi} Behind From Where We {C} Came... And Go
 {Bmi} Round And Round And {Ami,2} Round In The
 {D7,2} Circle {G,2m} Game...*

- 2) {G} Then The Child Moved {C} Ten Times Round The
 {G,2m} Seasons... {G} Skated Over {C} Ten Clear Frozen
 {D,2m} Streams... {G} Words Like, When You're {C} Older Must
 {Bmi,2m} Appease Him... And {C} Promises Of
 {G,2} Someday {D,2} Make His {G,2m} Dreams...

CHORUS

- 3) {G} Sixteen Springs And {C} Sixteen Summers Gone {G,2m} Now...
 {G} Cartwheels Turn To {C} Car Wheels Thru The {D,2m} Town...
 And They {G} Tell Him Take Your {C} Time It Won't Be
 {Bmi,2m} Long Now...Till You {C} Drag Your Feet To
 {G,2} Slow The {D,2} Circles {G,2m} Down...

CHORUS

- 4) So The {G} Years Spin By And {C} Now The Boy Is {G,2m} Twenty...
 Though His {G} Dreams Have Lost Some
 {C} Grandeur Coming {D,2m} True... There'll Be
 {G} New Dreams, Maybe {C} Better Dreams And
 {Bmi,2m} Plenty... Be- {C} fore The Last Re- {G,2} volving
 {D,2} Year Is {G,2m} Through...

CHORUS