

The Circle Game
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Use Capo 2 to match Joni's recording.

A x02220
A4 x02230
D xx0232
E 022100
Bm x24432
F#m7 242222
C#m x46654

Intro:

[A] [D] a few times

===== Verse 1:

[A]Yesterday a [D]child came out to [A]wonder [A4] [A]
[A]Caught a dragon-[D]fly inside a [E]jar
[A]Fearful when the [D]sky was full of [F#m7]thunder
And [D]tearful at the [Bm]falling [E]of a [A]star.

===== Chorus:

[A]And the seasons, they go [D] round and [A] round
[A]And the painted ponies go [D]up and [A]down.
We re [D]captive on the carousel of [A]time. [A4] [A]
[D]We can't return, we can only look [C#m]behind from where we [D]came
[D]And go [C#m] round and round and [D] round in the [E]circle [A]game.

===== Verse 2:

[A]Then the child moved [D]ten times round the [A]seasons [A4] [A]
[A]Skated over [D]ten clear frozen [E]streams
[A]Words like, when you re [D]older, must [F#m7]appease him
And [D]promises of [Bm]Some day [E]make his [A]dreams.

===== Chorus:

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[A]And the painted ponies go [D]up and [A]down.
We re [D]captive on the carousel of [A]time. [A4] [A]
[D]We can't return, we can only look [C#m]behind from where we [D]came
[D]And go [C#m] round and round and [D] round in the [E]circle [A]game.

===== Verse 3:

[A]Sixteen springs and [D]sixteen summers [A]gone now [A4] [A]
[A]Cartwheels turn to [D]car wheels through the [E]town.
[A]And they tell him: Take your [D]time. It won't be [F#m7]long now
til you [D]drag your feet to [Bm]slow the [E]circles [A]down.

===== Chorus:

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[A]And the painted ponies go [D]up and [A]down.
We re [D]captive on the carousel of [A]time. [A4] [A]
[D]We can t return, we can only look [C#m]behind from where we [D]came
[D]And go [C#m] round and round and [D] round in the [E]circle [A]game.

===== Verse 4:

[A]So the years spin by [D]and now the boy [A]is twenty [A4] [A]
[A]Though his dreams have lost some [D]grandeur coming [E]true.
[A]There ll be new dreams, maybe [D]better dreams and [F#m7]plenty
[D]Before the last re-[Bm]volving [E]year is [A]through.

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