

**Can The Circle Be Unbroken**  
**The Carter Family**

Chords: **Ab, D#, C#**

I usually play with a capo on the first fret. If you decide to play that way the chord forms that should be played are **G** for **Ab**, **D** for **D#**, and **C** for **C#**.

Verse:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
I was standing by the window, on one cold and cloudy day  
**D#** **Ab**  
and I saw the hearse come rolling for to carry my mother away.

Chorus:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
Can the circle be unbroken? By and by Lord, by and by.  
**D#** **Ab**  
There s a better home awaiting in the sky lord in the sky.

Verse:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
Lord, I told the undertaker, undertaker please drive slow.  
**D#** **Ab**  
For this body you are hauling lord I hate to see her go.

Chorus: **Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
Can the circle be unbroken? By and by, Lord by and by.  
**D#** **Ab**  
There s a better home awaiting in the sky lord in the sky.

Verse:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
I followed close behind her, tried to hold up and be brave.  
**D#** **Ab**  
But I could not hide my sorrow as they laid her in the grave.

Chorus:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
Can the circle be unbroken? By and by lord by and by.  
**D#** **Ab**  
There s a better home awaiting in the sky lord in the sky.

Verse: **Ab** **C#**  
I went back home, Lord. My home was lonesome. Yes my mother she was  
**Ab**  
gone.

**D#** **Ab**  
All my brothers and sisters crying for our home so sad and alone.

Chorus:**Ab** **C#** **Ab**  
Can the circle be unbroken? By and by, Lord by and by.  
**D#** **Ab**  
There s a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord in the sky.