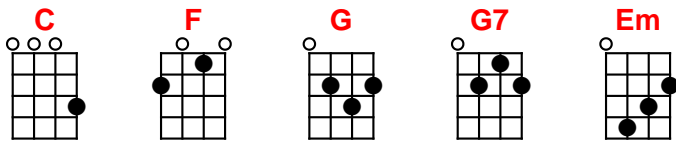


# The Circle Game - Joni Mitchell

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Tuning GCEG

Intro: G F G F G F C F C

[C]Yesterday, a [F]child came out to [C]wan-[G]der [F] [C]  
[C]Caught a dragonf[F]ly inside a [G7]jar  
[C]Fearful when the [F]sky was full of [Em]thunder  
And [F]te(bar)arful at the [C]falling [G]of [F]a [C]star [F] [C]

And the [C]seasons they go '[G]round [F]and '[C]round  
And the [C]painted ponies go [G]up [F]and [C]down  
We're [F]captive on the carousel of [C]time [G] [F] [C]  
[F]We can't return we can only look [Em]behind  
From where we [F]ca(bar)me  
And go [G]round and round and [F]round  
In the circle [C]game [F] [C]

[C]Then, the child moved [F]ten times 'round the [C]sea-[G]sons [F] [C]

[C]Skated over [F]ten clear frozen [G7]streams  
[C]Words like, "When you're [F]older", must appease [Em]him  
And [F]pr(bar)omises of [C]someday [G]make [F]his [C]dreams [F] [C]

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[C]Sixteen springs and [F]sixteen summers [C]gone [G]now [F] [C]  
[C]Cartwheels turn to [F]car wheels through the [G7]town  
And they [C]tell him, "Take your [F]time. It won't be long [Em]now.  
'Til you [F]dr(bar)ag your feet to [C]slow the [G]cir-[F]cles [C]down" [F] [C]

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And go [G]round and round and [F]round  
In the circle [C]game [F] [C]

[C]So the years spin by and [F]now the boy is [C]twen-[G]ty [F] [C]  
[C]Though his dreams have lost some [F]grandeur coming [G7]true  
There'll [C]be new dreams, maybe [F]better dreams and [Em]plenty  
Be-[F]fo(bar)re the last [C]revolving [G]year [F]is [C]through. [F] [C]

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And go [G]'round and 'round and [F]'round in the circle [C]game.[F] [C]

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