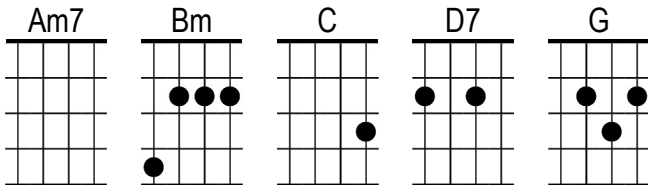


The Circle Game

Joni Mitchell



G Yesterday a **C** child came out to **G** wonder |
| Caught a dragon **C** fly inside a **D7** jar |
G Fearful when the **C** sky was full of **Bm** thunder |
And **C** tearful at the **1/2G** falling **1/2Am7** of a **1/2G** star **1/2C** **G**

Chorus

And the **G** seasons they go **1/2Am7** 'round and **1/2G** 'round
And the **G** painted ponies go **1/2Am7** up and **1/2G** down
C We're captive on the | carousel of **G** time |
C We can't return we can | only look
Be **Bm** hind from where we **C** came
And go **G** 'round and 'round and **Am7** 'round
In the circle **1/2G** game **1/2C** **G**

G Then the child moved **C** ten times round the **G** seasons |
| Skated over **C** ten clear frozen **D7** streams |
G Words like "when you're **C** older" must ap **Bm** pease him |
And **C** promises of **1/2G** someday **1/2Am7** make his **1/2G** dreams **1/2C** **G**

Repeat Chorus

G Sixteen springs and **C** sixteen summers **G** gone now |
| Cartwheels turn to **C** car wheels through the **D7** town |
And they **G** tell him take your **C** time it won't be **Bm** long now |
Till you **C** drag your feet to **1/2G** slow the **1/2Am7** circles **1/2G** down **1/2C**
G

Repeat Chorus

So the **G** years spin by and **C** now the boy is **G** twenty |
Though his | dreams have lost some **C** grandeur coming **D7** true |
There'll be **G** new dreams maybe **C** better dreams and **Bm** plenty |
Be **C**fore the last re **1/2G**volving **1/2Am7** year is **1/2G** through **1/2C** **G**

Repeat Chorus

And go **G** 'round and 'round and **Am7** 'round
In the circle **1/2G** game **1/2C** **G**↓