

The Circle Game

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Intro: [G// Am//] [G// Am//] [G// Am//] [G// C//] [Gx4]

[G] Yesterday a [C] child came out to [G] wander [G]
[G] Caught a dragon- [C] -fly inside a [D] jar [D]
[G] Fearful when the [C] sky was full of [Bm] thunder [Bm]
And [C] tearful at the [G//] falling [AM//] of a [G] star [G]

Chorus:

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And the [G] painted ponies go [G/] up [Am/] and [G] down
We're [C] captive on the [C] carousel of [G] time [G]
[C] We can't return, we can [C] only look
[Bm] Behind from where we [C] came and go [G] round and round and [G//] round,
[Am//] In the circle [G] game [G]

[G] Then the child moved [C] ten times round the [G] seasons [G]
[G] Skated over [C] ten clear frozen [D] streams [D]
[G] Words like, "When you're [C] older" must [Bm] appease [Bm] him
And [C] promises of [G//] someday [Am//] make his [G] dreams [G]

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[G] 16 springs and [C] 16 summers [G] gone now [G]
[G] Cartwheels turn to [C] car wheels through the [D] town [D]
And they [G] tell him, "Take your [C] time, it won't be [Bm] long now [Bm]
'Til you [C] drag your feet to [G//] slow the [Am//] circles [G] down" [G]

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[G] So the years spin by and [C] now the boy is [G] 20 [G]
Though his [G] dreams have lost some [C] grandeur coming [D] true [D]
There'll be [G] new dreams, maybe [C] better dreams and [Bm] plenty [Bm]
[C] Before the last re- [G//] -volving [Am//] year is [G] through [G]

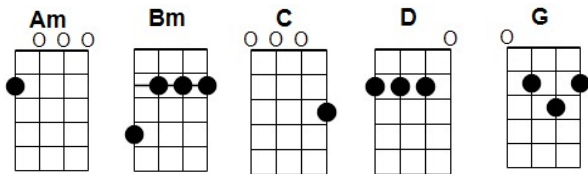
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Outro:

SLOW DOWN: And go [G] round and round and [Am] round in the circle [G] game [G-HOLD]

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