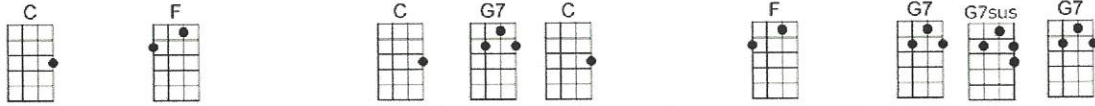


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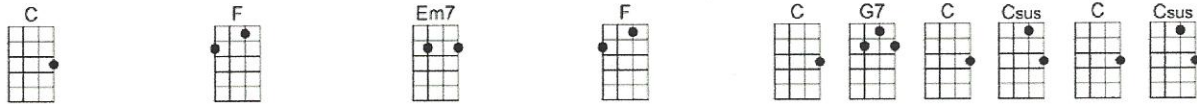
# THE CIRCLE GAME Joni Mitchell

4/4 1...2...1234

**Intro: last 2 lines of chorus**



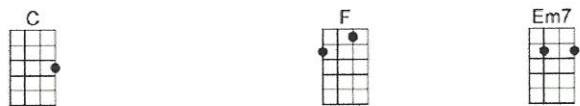
Yesterday a child came out to wander. Caught a dragon-fly inside a jar



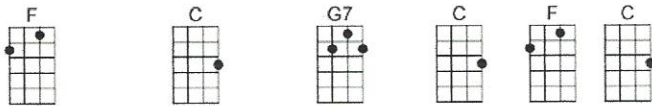
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder...and tearful at the falling of a star



Then the child moved 10 times round the seasons. Skated over 10 clear frozen streams



Words like "when you're older" must ap-peace him



And promises of "someday" make his dreams

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## CHORUS:



And the seasons they go round and round and the painted ponies go up and down



We're captive on a carousel of time

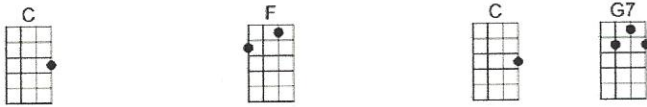


We can't return, we can only look be-hind from where we came



And go round and round and round in the circle game.

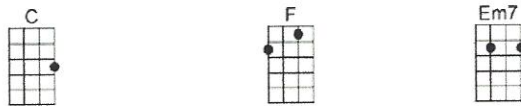
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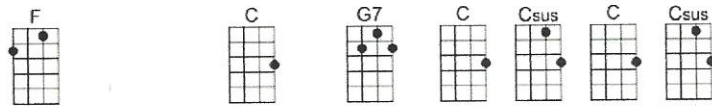
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now



Cartwheels turn to carwheels through the town

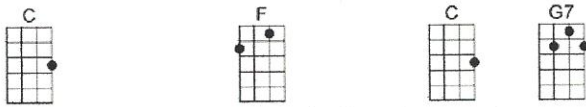


And they tell him, take your time, it won't be long now

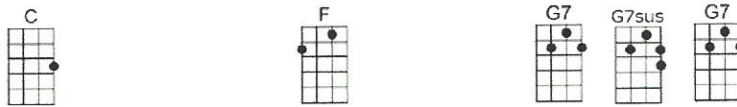


'Til you drag your feet to slow the circles down

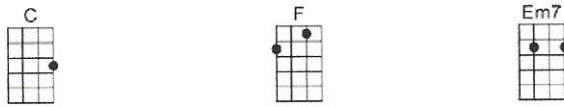
**CHORUS**



So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty



Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true



There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and plenty



Be-fore the last re-volving year is through.

**CHORUS & CODA**



**CODA: And go round and round and round (X3) in the circle game.  
RITARD**