

The Circle Game - Joni Mitchell

Intro: last 2 lines of chorus

C F C G7 C F G7 G7sus G7
Yesterday a child came out to wander. Caught a dragon-fly inside a jar
C F Em7 F C G7 C Csus C Csus
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder...and tearful at the falling of a star
C F C G7
Then the child moved 10 times round the seasons.
C F G7 G7sus G7
Skated over 10 clear frozen streams
C F Em7
Words like "when you're older" must appease him
F C G7 C F C
And promises of "someday" make his dreams

Chorus:

C F C F C
And the seasons they go round and round and the painted ponies go up and down
F C
We're captive on a carousel of time
F Em7 F
We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came
Em7 Dm7 G7 C Csus C Csus
And go round and round and round in the circle game.

C F C G7
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now
C F G7 G7sus G7
Cartwheels turn to carwheels through the town
C F Em7
And they tell him, take your time, it won't be long now
F C G7 C Csus C Csus
'Til you drag your feet to slow the circles down

- Chorus -

C F C G7
So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty
C F G7 G7sus G7
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true
C F Em7
There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and plenty
F C G7 C F C
Before the last revolving year is through.

- Chorus -

Em7 Dm7
And go round and round and round (X3)
G7 C Csus C
in the circle game. (Ritard)

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