

The Circle Game Joni Mitchell

(capo 2) key B

V/1

Yesterday a child came out to wander. Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder. And tearful at the falling of a star

CHORUS

Bass F# F# Eb F#
Sops B B F# B

And the seasons, AND THE SEASONS

Bass Eb F# E B
Sops F# B F# Eb

they go round and round, THEY GO ROUND AND ROUND

Bass F# E B
Sops B F# Eb

And the painted ponies go up and down UP AND DOWN

Bass B Db Eb Db B B
Sops Ab Bb B Bb Ab F#

WE'RE CAPTIVE ON THE CAROUSEL OF TIME

Bass B Db Eb Db
Sops Ab Bb B Bb

WE CAN'T RETURN, WE CAN ONLY LOOK

Bass B Bb B
Sops Ab F# Bb B

BEHIND, FROM WHERE WE CAME

Bass B Ab B Eb E B Eb
Sops Eb B F# Eb E Ab Eb

And go ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND, in the CIRCLE GAME

V/2 Alto & Bass - Melody

Then the child moved ten times round the seasons

Skated over ten clear frozen streams

Words like, "When you're older" must appease him

And promises of someday make his dreams

CHORUS – And the seasons etc...

V/3 SOPRANOS - Melody

16 SPRINGS AND 16 SUMMERS GONE NOW

CARTWHEELS TURN TO CAR WHEELS 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 - And the seasons etc...

V/4

SO THE YEARS SPIN BY AND NOW THE BOY IS 20

THOUGH HIS DREAMS HAVE LOST SOME GRANDEUR COMING TRUE

THERE'LL BE NEW DREAMS, MAYBE BETTER DREAMS AND PLENTY

BEFORE THE LAST REVOLVING YEAR IS THROUGH

CHORUS - And the seasons etc...

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