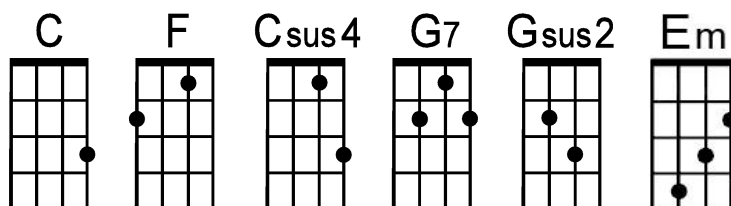


The Circle Game (key of C)

by Joni Mitchell (1966)



Intro: C . F . | C . F . | C . F . | C . Csus4 . | C . . . |
(sing e)

C . . . | F . . . | C . . . | |
Yes-ter-day— a child— came out to won—der—

. . . | F . . . | G7 . G7sus2 . | G7 . . . |
Caught a dra-gon fly— in-side a jar—

C . . . | F . . . | Em . . . | . . .
Fearful— when the sky was full of— thun—der—

. . | F . . . | G7 . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
And— tear-ful at the fall-ing of a— star—

. | C . . . | F . C
Chorus: And the sea-sons they go 'round and 'round

. | . . . | F . C . |
And the paint—ed ponies—go up and— down—

F . . . | . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
We're captive on a car—ou—sel of time—

. | F . . . | . . . | Em . . . | F .
We can't re—turn, we can on—ly look be—hind from where we came—

. . | C . . . | F . G7 . | C . Csus4 . | C . . . |
And go 'round and 'round and 'round in the cir—cle game—

C . . . | F . . . | C . . . | |
Then the child moved ten times— 'round the sea—sons—

. . . | F . . . | G7 . G7sus2 . | G7 . . . |
Skat-ed ov—er ten clear fro-zen— streams—

C . . . | F . . . | Em . . . | . . .
Words like, 'When you're old—er—' must ap—pease— him—

. . | F . . . | G7 . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
And— prom—is—es of some-day make his— dreams—

. | C . . . | F . C
Chorus: And the sea-sons they go 'round and 'round

. | . . . | F . C . |
And the paint—ed ponies—go up and— down—

F . . . | . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
We're captive on a car—ou—sel of time—

. | F . . . | . . . | Em . . . | F .
We can't re—turn, we can on—ly look be—hind from where we came—

. . | C . . . | F . G7 . | C . Csus4 . | C . . . |
And go 'round and 'round and 'round in the cir—cle game—

C . . . | F . . . | C . . . | . . . |
Sixteen— springs—and sixteen— summer— gone— now—

. . . | F . . . | G7 . G7sus2 . | G7 . .
Cart-wheels— turn to car-wheels— thru the town—

. | C . . . | F . . . | Em . . . | . . .
And they tell him, 'Take your time— it won't be— long— now—

. | F . . . | G7 . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
Till you drag your feet to slow the cir-cles— down—

Chorus: . | C . . . | F . . C
And the sea-sons they go 'round and 'round

. | . . . | F . . C . |
And the paint—ed ponies—go up and— down—

F . . . | . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
We're captive on a car—ou—sel of time—

. | F . . . | . . . | Em . . . | F . .
We can't re—turn, we can on—ly look be—hind from where we came—

. . | C . . . | F . . G7 . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
And go 'round and 'round and 'round in the cir—cle game—

. | C . . . | F . . . | C . . . | . . .
So the years spin by— and now— the boy is— twen—ty—

. | . . . | F . . . | G7 . G7sus2 . | G7 . .
Though his dreams have lost some gran-deur— coming true—

. | C . . . | F . . . | Em . . . | . . .
There'll be new dreams— may-be better— dreams—and plen—ty—

. . | F . . . | G7 . . . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
Be—fore the last re—volv-ing year is— through—

Chorus: . | C . . . | F . . C
And the sea-sons they go 'round and 'round

. | . . . | F . . C . |
And the paint—ed ponies—go up and— down—

F . . . | . . . | C . Csus4 . | . . .
We're captive on a car—ou—sel of time—

. | F . . . | . . . | Em . . . | F . .
We can't re—turn, we can on—ly look be—hind from where we came—

. . | C . . . | F . . G7 . | C . Csus4 . | C . .
And go 'round and 'round and 'round in the cir—cle game—

. . | C . . . | F . . G7 . . |
And go 'round— and round and 'round in the cir—cle—

C . F . | C . F . | C\
Game—