

# CIRCLE GAME

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FULL BAND

Key of C  
67 BPM

C F C  
Yesterday a child came out to wonder,  
F G7  
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar.  
C F Em7  
Fearful when the sky is full of thunder,  
F C G7 C  
And tearful at the falling of a star.

## Chorus:

C F C  
And the seasons, they go round and round,  
F C  
And the painted poinies go up and down.  
F C F C  
Were captive on the carousel of time.  
F Em7  
We cant return, we can only look behind  
F  
From where we came,  
E6 F G7 C F C  
And go round and round and round in the circle game.

F C  
Then the child moved ten times round the seasons,  
F G7  
Skated over ten clear frozen streams.  
C F  
Words like, when youre older,  
E6  
Must appease him,  
F C G7 C  
And promises of somedaymake his dreams.

F C  
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now,

F  G7  
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town.

          C  F  
And they tell him take your time,

          Em7  
It wont be long now,

          F                                  Dm7  G7  C  
Til you drag your feet to slow the circle down.

**Chorus:**

C  F                                  C  
So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty,

  F                                  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  
Before the last revolving year is through.

**Chorus:**

          Em7                                  F          retard  G7  C  F  C  
And go round and round and round in the circle game