Circle Game (Joni Mitchell)

G C G
Yesterday a child came out to wonder
G C D
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
G C Bm
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder
C D G
And tearful at the falling of a star

Chorus:
G C G
And the seasons they go round and round
G C G
And the painted ponies go up and down
C G
We're captive on the carousel of time
C Bm C
We can't return we can only look behind from where we came
Bm C D G
And go round and round and round in the circle game

G C G
Then the child moved ten times round the seasons
G C D
Skated over ten clear frozen streams
G C Bm
Words like when you're older must appease him
C D G
And promises of someday make his dreams

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G C G
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now
G C D
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town
G C Bm
And they tell him take your time it won't be long now
C D G
Till you drag your feet to slow the circles down

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G C G
So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty
G C D
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true
G C Bm
There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams and plenty
C D G
Before the last revolving year is through

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