

## The Circle Game, Joni Mitchell

(f#m – 2130) (capo 2)

[A] Yesterday a [D] child came out to [A] wonder  
[A] Caught a dragon [D] fly inside a [E7] jar  
[A] Fearful when the [D] sky was full of [F#m] thunder  
And [D] tearful at the [A] falling [E7] of a [A] star  
[A] And the seasons, they go [E7] 'round and [A] 'round  
[A] And the painted ponies go [E7] up and [A] down  
We're [D] captured on a carousel of [A] time  
[D] We can't return, we can only look be-[F#m]hind from where we [D] came  
[D] And go [F#m] 'round and 'round and [D] 'round in the [E7] circle [A] game  
[A] Then the child moved [D] ten times 'round the [A] seasons  
[A] Skated over [D] ten clear frozen [E7] streams  
[A] Words like, when you're [D] older, must [F#m] appease him  
And [D] promises of [A] someday [E7] make his [A] dreams  
[A] And the seasons, they go [E7] 'round and [A] 'round  
[A] And the painted ponies go [E7] up and [A] down  
We're [D] captured on a carousel of [A] time  
[D] We can't return, we can only look be-[F#m]hind from where we [D] came  
[D] And go [F#m] 'round and 'round and [D] 'round in the [E7] circle [A] game  
[A] Sixteen springs and [D] sixteen summers gone [A] now  
[A] Cartwheels turn to [D] car wheels through the [E7] town  
[A] And they tell him, take your [D] time it won't be [F#m] long now  
'Till you [D] drag your feet to [A] slow the [E7] circles [A] down  
[A] And the seasons, they go [E7] 'round and [A] 'round  
[A] And the painted ponies go [E7] up and [A] down  
We're [D] captured on a carousel of [A] time  
[D] We can't return, we can only look be-[F#m]hind from where we [D] came  
[D] And go [F#m] 'round and 'round and [D] 'round in the [E7] circle [A] game  
[A] So the years spin by and [D] now the boy is [A] twenty  
[A] Though his dreams have lost some [D] grandeur coming [E7] true  
[A] There'll be new dreams, maybe [D] better dreams and [F#m] plenty  
Be-[D]fore the last re-[A]volving [E7] year is [A] through  
[A] And the seasons, they go [E7] 'round and [A] 'round  
[A] And the painted ponies go [E7] up and [A] down  
We're [D] captured on a carousel of [A] time  
[D] We can't return, we can only look be-[F#m]hind from where we [D] came  
[D] And go [F#m] 'round and 'round and [D] 'round in the [E7] circle [A] game  
[D] And go [F#m] 'round and 'round and [D] 'round in the [E7] circle [A] game