

The Circle Game

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INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /

[G][Gsus4]/[G][Gsus4]/[G][Gsus4]/[G][Gsus4]/

[G] Yesterday a **[C]** child came out to **[G]** wonder **[Gsus4]/[G]**
[G] Caught a dragon-**[C]**fly inside a **[D7]** jar **[D7sus4]/[D7]**
[G] Fearful when the **[C]** sky was full of **[Bm7]** thunder **[Bm7]**
And **[C]** tearful at the **[G]** falling **[D7]** of a **[G]** star **[Gsus4]/[G]**

CHORUS:

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And the **[G]** painted ponies go **[D]** up **[C]** and **[G]** down
[C] We're captive on the carousel of **[G]** time **[Gsus4]/[G]**
[C] We can't return we can only look
Be-**[Bm7]**hind from where we **[C]** came
And go **[Bm7]** round and round and **[Am7]** round
In the **[D7]** circle **[G]** game **[Gsus4]/[G]**

[G] Then the child moved **[C]** ten times round the **[G]** seasons **[Gsus4]/[G]**
[G] Skated over **[C]** ten clear frozen **[D7]** streams **[D7sus4]/[D7]**
[G] Words like when you're **[C]** older must ap-**[Bm7]**pease him
And **[C]** promises of **[G]** 'someday' **[D7]** make up his **[G]** dreams **[Gsus4]/[G]**

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[G] Sixteen springs and **[C]** sixteen summers **[G]** gone now **[Gsus4]/[G]**
[G] Cartwheels turn to **[C]** car wheels thru the **[D7]** town **[D7sus4]/[D7]**
And they **[G]** tell him take your **[C]** time it won't be **[Bm7]** long now
Till you **[C]** drag your feet to **[G]** slow the **[D7]** circles **[G]** down **[Gsus4]/[G]**

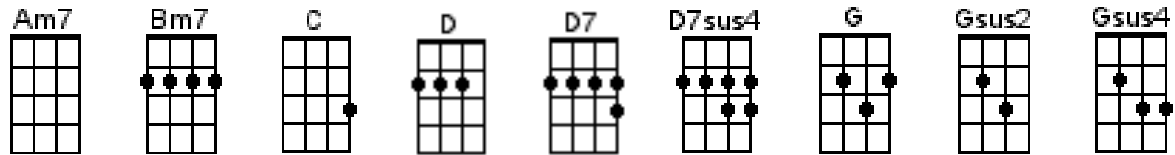
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So the **[G]** years spin by and **[C]** now the boy is **[G]** twenty **[Gsus4]/[G]**
Though his **[G]** dreams have lost some **[C]** grandeur coming **[D7]** true **[D7sus4]/[D7]**
There'll be **[G]** new dreams maybe **[C]** better dreams and **[Bm7]** plenty
Be-**[C]**fore the last re-**[G]**volving **[D7]** year is **[G]** through **[Gsus4]/[G]**

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