

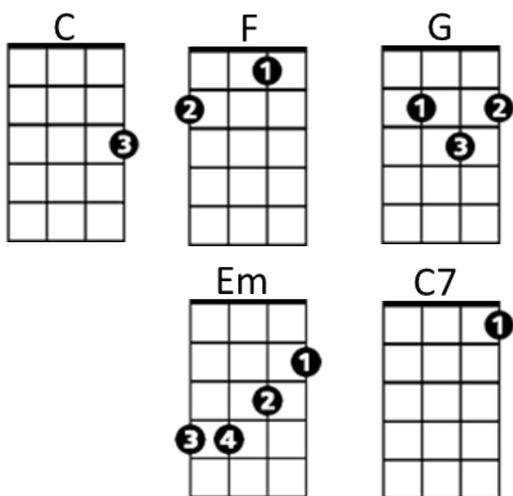
Circle Game (Joni Mitchell)

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

Chorus:

F **C**
 And the seasons they go round and round
F **C**
 And the painted ponies go up and down
F **C** **C7**
 We're captive on the carousel of time
F
 We can't return we can only look
Em **F**
 Behind from where we came
G **F** **G** **C**
 And go round and round and round in the circle game



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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

