

**THE CIRCLE GAME** JONI MITCHELL **Intro: D D\*/D D\*/D D\*/D**

**D** **D\*** **D**  
Yesterday a child came out to wonder

**D** **G** **A**  
Caught a dragon fly inside a jar

**D** **G** **F#m**  
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder

**G** **D** **A** **D**  
And tearful at the falling of a star

**D** **G** **D**  
*And the seasons they go round and round*

**D** **G** **D**  
*And the painted ponies go up and down*

**G** **D**  
*We're captive on a carousel of time*

**G** **F#m** **G (2<sup>nd</sup> fret F)**  
*We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came*

**F#m** **Em** **A** **D**  
*And go round and round and round in the circle game*

**D** **D\*** **D**  
Then the child moved ten times round the seasons

**D** **G** **A**  
Skated over ten clear frozen streams

**D** **G** **F#m**  
Words like when you're older must appease him

**G** **D** **A** **D**  
And promises of someday make his dreams

*CHORUS*

**D** **D\*** **D**  
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now

**D** **G** **A**  
Cartwheels turn to car wheels thru the town

**D** **G** **F#m**  
And they tell him take your time it won't be long now

**G** **D** **A** **D**  
Till you drag your feet to slow the circles down

*CHORUS*

**D** **D\*** **D**  
So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty

**D** **G** **A**  
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true

**D** **G** **F#m**  
There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams and plenty

**G** **D** **A** **D**  
Before the last revolving year is through