

# Circle Game - Alt, The

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NEkjhBHh54> Capo 2

[A] [D]

[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 [D] round and [A] round

[A] And the painted ponies go [D] up and [A] down.

We're [D] captive on the carousel of [A] time.

[D] We can't return, we can only look [C#m7] behind from where we [D] came

[D] And go [C#m7] 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] Some day [E7] make his [A] dreams.

[A] And the seasons, they go [D] round and [A] round

[A] And the painted ponies go [D] up and [A] down.

We're [D] captive on the carousel of [A] time.

[D] We can't return, we can only look [C#m7] behind from where we [D] came

[D] And go [C#m7] round and round and [D] round in the [E7] circle [A] game.

[A] Sixteen springs and [D] sixteen summers [A] gone 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 'til you [D] drag your feet to [A] slow the [E7] circles [A] down.

[A] And the seasons, they go [D] round and [A] round

[A] And the painted ponies go [D] up and [A] down.

We're [D] captive on the carousel of [A] time.

[D] We can't return, we can only look [C#m7] behind from where we [D] came

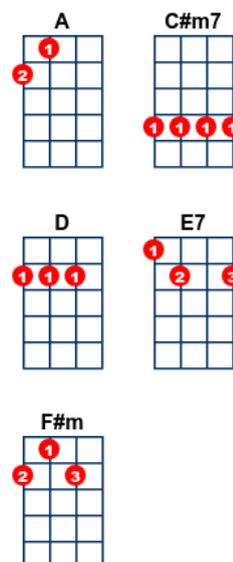
[D] And go [C#m7] round and round and [D] round in the [E7] circle [A] game.

[A] So the years spin by [D] and now the boy [A] is 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

[D] Before the last re-[A]volving [E7] year is [A] through.



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**[D]** We can't return, we can only look **[C#m7]** behind from where we **[D]** came

**[D]** And go **[C#m7]** round and round and **[D]** round in the **[E7]** circle **[A]** game.

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