This arrangement for Elektra Women’s Choir

THE CIRCLE GAME
for S.A.A.A. voices, a cappella

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Gently, with a rhythmic pulse (\(\dot{=} \text{ca.} 112-120\))

SOLO

SOPRANO I

Doo \(\text{mf}\) doo doo doo doo doo____

SOPRANO II

Bah \(\text{mf}\) bah dah____ bah dah dah____ bah dah dah____

ALTO I

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo____

ALTO II

Dmm bah dah dmm bah dah dmm bah dah____

Ye \(\text{mf}\) - ter - dy a child came____ out to won - der.

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Caught a dragonfly inside

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Fearful when the jar

a jar

a jar
The sky was full of thunder, and tearful at the

dmm doo thunder doo doo doo mmm

dmm doo thunder doo doo doo mmm

dmm doo thunder dmm bah dah mmm

dmm doo thunder dmm bah dah mmm

...(end solo)...

And the falling of a star.

...And the star...

(ooh) pp

And the (mp)
SOP I
seasons, they go 'round and 'round, and the painted ponies go

SOP II
bah dp bah _ dp bah _ dp bah _ dp bah

ALTO I
up and down. doo mph

up and down. We're captive on a carousel of
dah dmm dah. We're captive on a carousel of
cresc.
dah dmm dah. We can't return, we can
time._ bah dah bah dah dah _ dah doo dah _
cresc. time._ bah dah bah dah dah _ dah doo dah _
time._ bah dah bah dah dah _ dah doo dah _
only look behind

'round 'round and

only look behind from where we came, and go 'round and

doo ah

'round ah bah dah

'round in the circle - game.

Ah ah ah

Then the child moved ten times 'round the sea - sons.

Dmm dah dah dmm dah _ dah dmm dah _ dah dmm dah _ dah
Skated over ten clear frozen streams.

Words like, “when you’re older,” must appease him and promises of some-day make his dreams.
Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now.

Ah, gone now.

Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now.

Ah, gone now.

Cart wheels turn to car wheels through the
dah bah dah bah dah bah dah bah
cart wheels turn to car wheels through the
dah bah dah bah dah bah dah bah
cart wheels turn to car wheels through the
cart wheels turn to car wheels through the
town.

And they tell him take your time.

And they tell him ah.

And they tell him ah.

And they tell him take your time.
It won't be long now, ooh

It won't be long now, 'til you
drag your feet, oh

And the
drag your feet, ah

And the
drag your feet to slow the circles down, ah

And the

sea-sons, they go 'round and 'round, and the painted pon-ies go

Bah dp bah dp bah dah dah bah dp bah dp bah

Bah dp bah dp bah dah bah dah dah bah dp bah dp bah
We're captive on the carousel of up and down.

dah dah — dah dmm dah — dah dmm for — dah —

doo doo doo doo doo doo

We can't return, we can

doo doo doo doo time.

doo doo doo We can't return, we can

doo doo doo

doo doo doo
do we can't return, doo doo

doo doo doo only look behind from where we came, and go

doo doo doo only look behind from where we came, and go

doo doo doo only look behind from where we came, and go
'round and 'round and 'round.
decresc. bah dah__ bah dah

SOLO

So, the years spin by and now__ the boy__
bah dah__ bah dah

BAH dah__ bah dah

SOP II

bah dah__ bah dah

BH dah__ bah dah__ bah dah__ bah dah

ALTO I

bah__

Bah___ bah dah

ALTO II

AH

Dmm
Though his dreams have lost some

twen-ty, thir-ty, fift-y, eigh-ty,

dmm dmm dmm

There'll be

doo doo doo doo doo dmm
dmm
new dreams, may be better dreams, and plenty.

啊 —— 喔 —— 欧 ——
啊 —— 喔 —— 欧 ——

new dreams, may be better dreams, and plenty.

(doo more relaxed)

(ba ——)

(doo more relaxed)

before the last revolving year is

(doo)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

before the last revolving year is

(doo)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

(ba ——)

before the last revolving year is
We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came, and go 'round and 'round in the circle...