

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

US trad.

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken Bye and bye, Lord bye and bye?'. Above the staff are chord markings 'G', 'C', and 'G'. The second staff contains the second line of the song, with lyrics 'There's a bet - ter home a - wait - ing In the sky Lord, In the sky.'. Above the staff are chord markings 'D7' and 'G'. The score ends with a double bar line.

I was standing by the window
On a cold and cloudy day
When I saw the hearse come rolling
To carry my mother away

Will the circle be unbroken
Bye and bye Lord bye and bye
There's a better home a waiting
In the sky Lord in the sky

Lord I told that undertaker
Undertaker please drive slow
For that body you're a haulin'
Lord I hate to see her go

Well I followed close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in that grave.

I went back home Lord that home was lonesome
Since my mother, she was gone
All my brothers and sisters crying
What a home so sad and alone.

One by one the seats were emptied
One by one they went away
Now that family they are parted
Will they meet again some day.

I was singing with my sisters
I was singing with my friends
And we all can, sing together
'cause the circle never ends