

# Can the Circle Be Unbroken?

Carter Family

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**Intro:** / **A** - - - / - - - - / - - - - / - - - - /

**A** (4)  
I was standin' by the window  
**D** (2) **A** (2)  
On one cold and cloudy day,  
**A** (4)  
And I saw the hearse come rollin'  
**E** (2) **A** (2)  
For to carry my mother away

## Chorus:

**A** (4)  
Can the circle be unbroken?  
**D** (2) **A** (2)  
By and by Lord, by and by,  
**A** (4)  
There's a better home a-waitin'  
**E** (2) **A** (2)  
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

**A** (4)  
Lord I told the undertaker,  
**D** (2) **A** (2)  
"Undertaker, please drive slow,  
**A** (4)  
For this body you are hauling Lord,  
**E** (2) **A** (2)  
I hate to see her go."

## Chorus

**A** (4)  
I followed close behind her,  
**D** (2) **A** (2)  
Tried to hold up and be brave,  
**A** (4)  
But I could not hide my sorrow  
**E** (2) **A** (2)  
When they laid her in the grave.

## Chorus

**A** (4)  
Went back home Lord, my home was lonesome,  
**D** (2) **A** (2)  
Missed my mother she was gone.  
**A** (4)  
All my brothers and sisters crying  
**E** (2) **A** (2)  
What a home so sad and 'lone.

## Chorus, then End