

# WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN (with transition to D)

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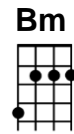
**Key:** C

**Start note:** C

**Time:** 4/4

**Strum:** D\_ du \_u du

**Intro:** C /// G7 /// C /// C ↓



- N/S C C7 F C
1. I was standing, by my window, on one cold, and cloudy day  
C Am C G7 C C ↓  
When I saw, that hearse come rolling, for to carry my mother a- way

**CHORUS:**

N/S C C7 F C C/  
*Will the circle, be un-broken, by and by, Lord, by and by*  
C Am C G7 C C/  
*There's a better, home a-waiting, in the sky, Lord, in the sky*

- C C7 F C C/
2. I said to, that under-taker, under-taker, please drive slow  
C Am C G7 C C ↓  
For this lady, you are carrying, Lord, I hate to see her go

**CHORUS:**

N/S C C7 F C C/  
*Will the circle, be un-broken, by and by, Lord, by and by*  
C Am C G7 C C/  
*There's a better, home a-waiting, in the sky, Lord, in the sky*

- C C7 F C C/
3. Oh, I followed, close be-hind her, tried to hold up and be brave  
C Am C G7 C C ↓  
But I could not, hide my sorrow, when they laid her in the grave

**CHORUS:**

N/S C C7 F C C/  
*Will the circle, be un-broken, by and by, Lord, by and by*  
C Am C G7 C C D D/  
*There's a better, home a-waiting, in the sky, Lord, in the sky*

**Key Change to D:**

- D D7 D7 /
4. I went back home, Lord, my home was lonesome  
G D D /  
Missed my mother, she was gone  
D Bm D A7 D D ↓  
All of my brothers, sisters crying, what a home, so sad and lone

**CHORUS:**

**N/S**    **D**                    **D7**                    **G**                    **D**    **D/**  
**Will the circle, be un-broken, by and by, Lord, by and by**  
                  **D**                    **Bm**                    **D**                    **A7**    **D (2,3,4,1)**  
**There's a better, home a-waiting, in the sky, Lord, in the sky**

- D**                    **D7**                    **G**                    **D**    **D/**  
5. We sang the s-o-n-g-s of childhood, hymns of faith that made us strong  
                  **D**                    **Bm**                    **D**                    **A7**    **D**    **D↓**  
Ones that Mother, Maybelle taught us, hear the angels sing a-long

**CHORUS:**

**N/S**    **D**                    **D7**                    **G**                    **D**    **D/**  
**Will the circle, be un-broken, by and by, Lord, by and by**  
                  **D**                    **Bm**                    **D**                    **A7**    **D**    **D/**  
**There's a better, home a-waiting, in the sky, Lord, in the sky**  
                  **D**                    **Bm**                    **Bm /**

**Outro: There's a better, home a-waiting.....**

**D**                    **A7**                    **D**    **D (arpeggio)**  
**(SLOWLY) In the sky.... Lord....in....the....sky**