

## WILL (Can) THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" is a popular Christian hymn written in 1907 by Ada R. Habershon with music by Charles H. Gabriel. The song is often recorded unattributed and, because of its age, has lapsed into the public domain.

[D] I was standing by my window on a [G] cold and cloudy [D] day  
When I saw the hearse come rolling for to carry my [A7] mother [D] away

### **Chorus**

[D] Will the circle be unbroken by and [G] by, Lord, by and [D] by  
There's a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, [A7] in the [D] sky

[D] Lord, I told that undertaker, under [G] taker, please drive [D] slow  
For this body you're a hauling, Lord, I hate to [A7] see her [D] go

### **Chorus**

[D] I followed close behind her, tried to [G] hold up and be [D] brave  
But I could not hide my sorrow when they laid her [A7] in the [D] grave

### **Chorus**

[D] Will the circle be unbroken by and [G] by, Lord, by and [D] by  
There's a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, [A7] in the [D] sky

[D] I went home, my home was lonely, now my [G] mother she has [D] gone  
All my brothers, sisters crying, what a home so [A7] sad and [D] alone

### **Chorus**

Video – Carter Family - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjHjm5sRqSA> - in this recording, the Carter Family uses “can” instead of “will”