

Key: A Major
♩ = 75

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

A.P. Carter**



1. I was stand - ing by my win - dow, on a
 Chorus: Will the cir - - cle be un - - brok - en, by and
 2. Lord I told that un - der - - tak - - er, Un - der -
 3. I fol - lowed close be - - hind her, tried to
 4. I went home, My home was lone - ly, now my



cold and cloud - - y day, when I
 by, Lord, by and by. There's a
 ta - - ker please drive slow. For this
 hold up and be brave. But I
 mo - - ther she has gone. All my



saw that hearse come roll - - ing, for to
 bet - - ter home a - - wait - - ing, in the
 bo - - dy that you're tak - - ing,* Lord, I
 could not hide my sor - - row, when they
 broth - - ers, sist - - ers cry - - ing, what a



car - ry my moth - - er a - - way. (Chorus)
 sky, Lord, in the sky. (Chorus)
 hate to see her go (Chorus)
 laid her in the grave. (Chorus)
 home so sad and a - - lone. (Chorus)

* Or often "hauling" or "carrying"

**This version is generally credited to A.P. Carter of the Carter Family, but it was based in part on a 1907 hymn of the same name (words by Ada R. Habershon and music by Charles H. Gabriel). The chorus lyrics are similar and the melodies are vaguely related, but the verse lyrics are entirely different.

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