

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

Old-Time and Bluegrass Gospel Song by Jennie Wilson and F.L. Eiland; **DATE:** 1905; **CATEGORY:** Early Gospel Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Frank and James McCravy-1927; Frank Welling & John McGhee-1930; The Carter Family- 1935); Monroe Brothers-1936; Morris Brothers-1939; Blue Sky Boys; Curly Ray Cline; Lester Flatt & the Nashville Grass; Doc Watson, Clint Howard and Fred Price; **OTHER NAMES:** "Can The Circle Be Unbroken"; **NOTES:** One of the great old-time gospel songs popularized by The Carter Family's 1935 recording "Can the Circle Be Unbroken," on Conqueror 8529.

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bye Lord bye and bye There's a bet - ter home a
wait - ing in the sky Lord in the sky.

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Chorus: 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.

I was standing by the window, On one cold and cloudy day;

And I saw the hearse come rolling, For to carry my mother away.

Lord, I told the undertaker, "Undertaker, please drive slow;
For this body you are hauling, Lord, I hate to see her go"

I followed close behind her, tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow, When they laid her in the grave.

Went back home, Lord, my home was lonesome, Since my mother, she was gone;
All my brothers, sisters crying, What a home so sad and lone.