

## Dusty Springfield

### "Stay Awhileds"

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Round like a circle in a spiral like a wheel within a wheel  
Never ending on beginning on an ever-spinning reel  
Like a snowball down a mountain or a carnival balloon  
Like a carousel that's turning running rings around the  
moon  
Like a clock whose hands are sweeping past the  
minutes on its face  
And the world is like an apple spinning silently in space  
Like the circles that you find  
In the windmills of your mind

Like a tunnel that you follow to a tunnel of its own  
Down a hollow to a cavern where the sun has never  
shone  
Like a door that keeps revolving in a half-forgotten  
dream  
Like the ripples from a pebble someone tosses in a  
stream  
Like a clock whose hands are sweeping past the  
minutes on its face  
And the world is like an apple spinning silently in space  
Like the circles that you find  
In the windmills of your mind

Keys that jingle in your pocket  
Words that jangle in your head  
Why did summer go so quickly?  
Was it something that I said?  
Lovers walk along a shore  
And leave their footprints in the sand  
Was the sound of distant drumming  
Just the fingers of your hand?  
Pictures hanging in a hallway  
Or the fragment of a song  
Half-remembered names and faces  
But to whom do they belong?  
When you knew that it was over  
Were you suddenly aware  
That the autumn leaves were turning  
To the color of her hair?

Like a circle in a spiral  
Like a wheel within a wheel  
Never ending or beginning  
On an ever-spinning reel  
As the images unwind  
Like the circles that you find  
In the windmills of your mind

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