

The Gathering of Spirits

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I Heard an Owl

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Chorus/ Intro

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In the face of deepest loss,
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Treat each other tenderly
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Chorus

(repeat the last line 3 x)

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I'll Go Too

-On the recording I did it in a alternative tuning. I take a kiaser capo and saw it off and have it only cover the D and G strings. Use a full capo on the 2nd fret and the sawed off capo on the 4th fret and play below it as if it were a full capo. It's a nice little tuning. But the basic chords in this document will work just fine.

Standard tuning -Guitar capo 4

G D
When I was small I often said
Em C
There were ugly things beneath my bed
G D
I'd slip downstairs when I got scared
Em C
Into the safety of Dad's easy chair
G D
That chair was like a long deep sigh
Em C
And I'd stay until he'd say, "It's time"
G D
But he'd always smile and put his hand in mine
C D G
And tell me, "I'll go too."

G Em
Chorus: "I'll go too, I'll go too"
C C
That's what he'd say and what he'd do
G Em
"Don't go alone I'll walk with you
C D G
I'll go too."

G D
Verse: When I was learning how to swim
Em C
I'd look down at the water and back at him
G D
He'd say "Take my hand, we'll both jump in"
C D G
And "I'll go too."

Chorus

C Em

Bridge: So many nights I've wandered

C D

So many things to brave

C Em

So many acts of courage

C D

We face each and everyday

G D

Verse: It was almost noon in a white lace dress

Em C

I had my doubts if I could do the rest

G D

He said, "Take my hand, just do your best"

C D G
"And I'll go too"

Chorus

Bridge

G D
In a quiet place in the April snow

Em C
It was time to finally let her go

G D
So I took his hand and said "I know."

C D G
"I'll go too"

G D
Someday we all will understand

Em C
And we'll walk right into the Promised Land

G D
But I hope an angel takes me by the hand

C D G
And tells me "I'll go too"

Chorus:

Silver

Capo2

G C G
Will you love me when we go silver
D G
When our ears and noses get bigger
G C G
When Arthritis starts to nag
D G C G
And our best parts start to sag

G C G
Will you love me in reading glasses
D G
Kiss my neck and still make passes
G C G
And our grandchildren we'll scandalize
D G C G
by holding hands and making eyes

CHORUS

Em G
There is no real way of knowin'
Em G
But if things keep goin' the way they're goin'
Em G
I will promise you once again
G D C
I will be with you and we'll be the Best of Friends

Will you love me if I babble
Let me win sometimes at scrabble
Will you help me bare the load
And be somebody I'm still proud to know

Will I still be what you need
If I drive below posted speed
Lay down like spoons in quiet wonder
And love me years and days without number

There is no real way of knowin'
But if things keep goin' the way they're goin'
I will promise you again
I will be with you and we'll be the Best of Friends

Will you love me when life hurts
Wake me up if I fall asleep in church
Sit beside me when evening comes
And count our blessing one by on?

There is no real way of knowin'
But if things keep goin' the way they're goin'
I will promise you again
I will be with you and we'll be the Best of Friends

Will you love me when we go silver.

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The guitar on the recording of this song is in an alternative tuning. I take a Kiaser capo and modify it to cover only the D and G strings. Below are the chords in c in standard tuning

Guitar capo 2

Intro (instrumental of 1//2 of Chorus)

Chorus:

G **C G**
Let it go my love my truest,

D
Let it sail on silver wings

C **G**
Life's a twinkling that's for certain,

D
But it's such a fine thing

G **C G**
There's a gathering of spirits

D
There's a festival of friends

C **G**
And we'll take up where we left off

D **G**
When we all meet again.

Verses:

C **G**
I can't explain it. I couldn't if I tried

C **G**
How the only things we carry

D
Are the things we hold inside

C
Like a day in out the open,

G
Like the love we won't forget

C **G**
Like the laughter that we started

D
And hasn't died down yet

Chorus

Verse: Oh yah, now didn't we
And don't we make it shine
Aren't we standing in the center of
Something rare and fine
Some glow like embers
Or light through colored glass
Some give it all in one great flame
Throwing kisses as they pass

Chorus (instrumental)

Verse: Just east of Eden
But there's heaven in our midst
And we're never really all that far
From those we love and miss
Wade out in the water
There's a glory all around
The wisest say there's a 1000 ways
The kneel and kiss the ground

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Where You Been

I play this song on the recording capoed on the fourth fret with the chords listed below. It was recorded with a high strung parlor guitar

F **C** **G** **C**
Verse: He was driving in to Chicago in a borrowed El Camino,
F **C** **G** **C**
On a hazeless day in springtime I think the Cinco De Mayo.
F **C** **G** **Am**
Maybe it was St Paddy's Or the Gay Pride parade,
Am G **F** **C** **G** **C**
But I've never seen nobody light up the street that way.

Chorus:

F **Am**
Brother/ Sister where you been? Hold on if you can.
G **C**
Just do your best then say, "Amen."

F **C** **G** **C**
Verse: Called in sick for the weekend, drinking St Paulies in Wisconsin.
F **C** **G** **C**
I'd been fishing with my buddies most of Sunday afternoon
F **C** **G** **Am**
And there beneath the halo of the Old Milwaukee sign,
Am G **F** **C** **G** **C**
He said, There's big ones in the shallows I see them all the time.

Chorus

F **C** **G** **C**
Verse I stopped into the Seven-Eleven, I was buying an Aquafina.
F **C** **G** **C**
He was wearing knock-off sneakers I was nursing a hangover.
F **C** **G** **Am**
He said, "You're worth a lot more baby than you've ever dared to dream of."
Am G **F** **C** **G** **C**
Like he knew the secret sketchy places I'd been looking for love

Chorus

F **C** **G** **C**
Verse A tall skinny guy with dread locks said they're giving' out free bagels & lox.
F **C** **G** **C**
So I took the kids and all my plastic bags and walked the seven blocks.
F **C** **G** **Am**
There were joggers and commuters, skate board kids and Goths.
Am G **F** **C** **G** **C**
There were drunks and dogs and meter maids in that downtown vacant lot.

Verse: He said, "The universe is unfolding and the center still is holding,
 There's enough if we just share it, now ya'all don't forget to pass the basket.
 Blessed are all the good hearted, the poets and the dreamers,
 And all us crazy holy hungry ones who believe in something better."

Chorus

Verse: I saw Jesus on talking shop, with Buddha at the Starbucks,
 I saw Gia and Ganesh, doing double Dutch in the park,
 And Mohammad was throwing popcorn to the pigeons and the sparrows.
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