

Goodbye September © 2003, Cynthia R. Crossen

Play chords below with capo on 3rd fret (actual key on recording is Bb)

Squirrels in the attic are making their beds **G - C - G - C - G**
It's a racket in the rafters, just above our heads, **G - C - G - D**
Little squeekin' & squawkin' & scurryin' around, **G - C - G - C**
I hear them talking 'bout winter coming down, **C - G - D**

We're bringing in tomatoes and the basil's like weeds,
Gold fields and ragweed make everybody sneeze,
Just a few more days layin' round bare in the sun,
Throw me a blanket when the cool night comes,

Goodbye September, October's blowin' in, **C - Em - D - Em - D**
I'll see you when the world turns 'round once again. **C - D - Em - D**

Though most of its leaves have been eaten by deer,
The moonflower still opens fragrantly here
And the tabernacle choir of cicadas resounds,
Soon they'll be silent, asleep in the ground,

Spiders are everywhere, hunting with webs,
Instead of a horsefly, they catch me instead,
Bye bye teeny tiny ticks and mosquitoes high whine,
Autumn seduces me every time,

Goodbye, September, October's in the air,
I'll see you when the seedpods are swelling next year.

Goodbye, September, October's comin' in,
I'll see you when we dig sweet potatoes again.

Crows caw this evening in a five-star alarm,
The wood's stacked and dryin', ready for the storm,
Showers of gold will fall up on the rigde,
Jack o'lanterns' fire will shine on the bridge,

And though it brings dark and cold to my bones, **Em - D - Em - D**
The next season's pleasures I love when they come. **C - D - Em - D**

Goodbye, September, October's in the wind,
I'll see you when the seasons have taken their spin.

Goodbye, September... **C - Em - D**

A Soul to Call My Own © 2011, Cynthia R. Crossen

For years and years, and too many tears, **Am - G - F - E**
I've worshipped at the Church of Fear, **Am - G - F - E**
The rules are cruel, there's a mean old God, **F - E - F - E**
Who chews me up and spits me out, **Am - G - F - E**

It was pretty scary when I was a kid, **Am - G - F - E**
A god who wouldn't love me if I wasn't good, **Am - G - F - E**
Who'd kick me out the garden, drown me in a flood, **F - E - F - E**
Be myself and I won't be loved, **Am - G - F - E**

And where is my glorious, true and audacious **C - F**
Free and unfettered joyful nature? **C - F**
In short, a soul to call my own. **C - F - G - Am**

My cousin Joleen had Baptist people, **Am - G - F - E**
There was a hand at the top of their steeple, **Am - G - F - E**
With one finger pointing up to God, **F - E - F - E**
Their preacher loved to talk about blood, **Am - G - F - E**

And he told us we were born so full of sin, **Am - G - F - E**
That the only way we could get into heaven, **Am - G - F - E**
Was to bathe in the blood of the innocent lamb, **F - E - F - E**
And fear the Lord and bow down to him, **Am - G - F - E**

And give up my glorious, true and audacious **C - F**
Free and unfettered joyful nature, **C - F**
In short, a soul to call my own. **C - F - G - Am**

I walked right up to the preacher man, **Am - G - F - E**
He called on Jesus and he laid on hands, **Am - G - F - E**
Now God couldn't send me to hell for my sins, **F - E - F - E**
I was 7 years old and I'd saved my skin, **Am - G - F - E**

Well, Jesus paid and so did I, **Am - G - F - E**
I cry for the love that was denied, **Am - G - F - E**
And I quit this church so I can find, **F - E - F - E**
Something real, and something kind, **Am - G - F - E - Am - G - F - E**

And all of my glorious, true and audacious **C - F**
Free and unfettered joyful nature, **C - F**
In short, a soul to call my own. **C - F - G - Am**

Baby Jesus was born like us, **Am - G - F - E**
In innocence and perfect trust, **Am - G - F - E**
No need for guilt or fear, we don't have to, **F - E - F - E**
Hate ourselves or believe we're bad, **Am - G - F - E**

It's a revolution at the core, **Am - G - F - E**
To live in love and peace, not war, **Am - G - F - E**
And this is the God I'm looking for, **F - E - F - E**
Who loves my real sun-dappled heart, **Am - G - F - E - Am - G - F - E**

And I leave that Church of Fear, **C - F - Bb**
Walk out that door into the field, **F - Bb - F**
Where sun shines through **G - C**
The true colors of my heart. **G - C - F**

And lights up my glorious, true and audacious **C - F**
Free and unfettered joyful nature, **C - F**
My glorious, true and audacious **C - F**
Free and unfettered joyful nature, **C - F - C**
The soul I call my own, The soul I call my own. **F - G - Am - F - G - Am**

Loving Arms © 2010, Cynthia R. Crossen

Here's how you heal, **Em - G**

Feel what it is you feel, **Em - G**

And feel my arms around you, **Am - C**

My tenderness surround you, **F - C**

Bring all your fears, **Em - G**

Cry all your tears, **Em - G**

And feel my arms around you, **Am - C**

My tenderness surround you, **F - C**

Then another you can embrace, **C - G**

As their own pain they face, **Am - F**

And be the arms of tenderness, **C - G**

Around them, around them, **F - D**

Here's how you grow, **Em - G**

Know what it is you know, **Em - G**

And feel my arms around you, **Am - C**

My tenderness surround you, **F - C**

Here's how you live, **Em - G**

How you can give, **Em - G**

With loving arms around you, **Am - C**

And tenderness surrounds you. **F - C**

Then another you can embrace, **C - G**

As their own pain they face, **Am - F**

And be the arms of tenderness, **C - G**

Around them, around them, **F - D**

Here's how you live, **Em - G**

How you can give, **Em - G**

With loving arms around you, **Am - C**

And tenderness surrounds you. **F - C**

Welcome to My Table © 2012, Cynthia R. Crossen

Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Welcome, Welcome, **C - G**
Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Join the feast of love. **C - G - C**

Here you will find plenty, **C - F**
Long lost family, **C - G**
Here you are beloved, **C - F**
Cherished, wanted. **C - G**

Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Welcome, Welcome, **C - G**
Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Join the feast of love. **C - G - C**

Many are gathered here, **G - F - C**
Those who seek a home, **G - F - C**
Those who feel alone, **G - F - C**
Those outcast who hunger and thirst, you are **G - F - Em - Dm**

Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Welcome, Welcome, **C - G**
Welcome to my table, **C - F**
Join the feast of love. **C - G - C**

Blessings on the Meal © 2011, Cynthia R. Crossen

Thanks to the Searles-Bohs family for inspiration. To the tune of "Simple Gifts"

We give thanks for the bounty of the rich fertile earth, **C**
For the fruits and flowers we gather from the land, **Dm - G - Dm - G**
For the love in this circle of family and friends, **C**
For the strength that flows from life-giving hands. **Dm - G - F - C**

When generosity is ours, **C**
We live each day with a bounteous heart, **C - Am - F - G**
And we share with kindness along our way **C**
All the blessings we find in the gift of this day. **Dm - G - F - C**

Take This of Me © 1997, Cynthia R. Crossen

Play chords below with capo on 5th fret (actual key is G); tune low E string down to D

I offer you the scent of the green cedar leaf, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Take this of my body. **Em - A7sus - D**

And the wild ginger growing from my green heart, **D - Em7 - A7 - D**

Take this of me. **Em7 - A7sus - D**

Meadow grasses fragrant in the winter sun, **G - A7sus - G - A7sus**

The bluest of skies, the gentlest wind, **G - A7sus - G - A7sus**

All these blessings I offer you, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Take this of me. **Em - A7sus - D**

My bones are in the forest where the deer lay down, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Treasure in the leaf mould buried, **Em - A7sus - D**

And the mushroom gives a strange wild smell of brown **D - Em7 - A7 - D**

From my underside carried, **Em7 - A7sus - D**

The mossy cedar castle where the spiders dwell, **G - A7sus - G - A7sus**

There's a world to see if you are very still, **G - A7sus - G - A7sus**

You will find all of this with eyes aware, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Take this of me. **Em - A7sus - D**

Lovers of the earth, come a'wandering, **Gmaj7+9 - Em - Gmaj7 - Em**

Wrap my beauty round you like a skin, **Gmaj7+9 - Em - Em7 - A7**

Come dance with me again and again, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Take this of me. **Em - A7sus - D**

If you are quiet you can hear my birds, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

They're hidden everywhere, **Em - A7sus - D**

The titmouse, the chickadee, the green goldfinch, **D - Em7 - A7 - D**

Sing to you when you call. **Em7 - A7sus - D**

Linger in the sunshine with my dragonflies, **G-A7sus - G - A7sus**

Their crystal wings a moment on your finger, **G - A7sus - G - A7sus**

Take all of this into your song, and sing of me **D - Em7 - A7sus - D - Em**

To those who have forgotten. **Em - A7sus - D**

Lovers of the earth, come a'wandering, **Gmaj7+9 - Em - Gmaj7 - Em**

Wrap my beauty round you like a skin, **Gmaj7+9 - Em - Em7 - A7**

Come dance with me again and again, **D - Em7 - A7sus - D**

Take this of me. **Em - A7sus - D**

I offer you the scent of the green cedar leaf, Take this of my body,

And the wild ginger growing from my green heart, Take this of me, take this of m

Still and Always With Me © 2010, Cynthia R. Crossen

I've burrowed a tunnel from one forgotten corner, **Eb - C**

Taken a pathway across sharp stones of sorrow, **Eb - C - Eb**

Entered a gateway through a waterfall of tears **C - F - Dm**

I must walk through, **G**

And I cry, and cry and cry, **C - Bb - F**

And cry for all the sadness in this world, **C - Bb - F**

And though I'm still blind, inside I find **C - Bb - F - C**

There's some peace of mind, **Am - F**

Something is kind and **Am - F**

And listening, listening, **Em - F**

Still and always with me. **C - G - F - C**

What I have worshipped turns and attacks me, **Eb - C**

What I have worshipped tears my soul from my body, **Eb - C - Eb**

No redemption, I only hate myself, **C - F**

When I can't take anymore, I break down **Dm - G**

And I cry, and cry and cry, **C - Bb - F**

And cry for all the sadness in this world, **C - Bb - F**

And though I'm still blind, inside I find **C - Bb - F - C**

There's some peace of mind, **Am - F**

Something is kind and **Am - F**

And listening, listening, **Em - F**

Still and always with me. **C - G - F - C**

From as far back as I can remember, **Eb - F - C**

After all my tears have been poured out, **Eb - F - G**

There is comfort & kindness **Bb - Eb - Ab**

Still and always with me, **Bb - C**

And all I am wanting is love's true haven, **Eb - C**

All I am offering is opening and turning back **Eb - C - Eb**

To face my grieving torn asunder self **C - F - Dm**

One more time, one more time, **F - Dm - F - Dm**

And one more time **G**

I cry, and cry and cry, **C - Bb - F**

And cry for all the sadness in this world, **C - Bb - F**

And though I'm still blind, inside I find **C - Bb - F - C**

There's some peace of mind, **Am - F**

Something is kind and **Am - F**

And listening, listening, **Em - F**

Still and always with me. **C - G - F - C**

Beatitudes © 2012, Cynthia R. Crossen

I will not leave you who mourn, **A - E**

I will not leave you who mourn, **A - E**

Blessed you are, tender and aching heart, **D - A - E**

You will be comforted, **D - A**

You will be comforted. **F#m - E - A**

I will not leave you lost in the night, **A - E**

I will not leave you lost in the night, **A - E**

Blessed you are, gentle despairing soul, **D - A - E**

Light will fill your windows, **D - A**

Light will fill your windows. **F#m - E - A**

I will not leave you who hunger and thirst, **A - E**

I will not leave you who hunger and thirst, **A - E**

Blessed you are, seeking and restless soul, **D - A - E**

You will find a feast before you, **D - A**

You will find a feast before you. **F#m - E - A**

I will not leave you who feel broken, **A - E**

I will not leave you who feel broken, **A - E**

Blessed you are, innocent ailing soul, **D - A - E**

You will know you are whole, **D - A**

You will know you are whole. **F#m - E - A**

I will not leave you caught in hatred, **A - E**

I will not leave you caught in hatred, **A - E**

Blessed you are, love is within your heart, **D - A - E**

You will know this kindness, **D - A**

You will know this kindness. **F#m - E - A**

I will not leave you alone and afraid, **A - E**

I will not leave you alone and afraid, **A - E**

Blessed you are, tender unfolding heart, **D - A - E**

Know that I am with you, **D - A**

Know that I am with you. **F#m - E - A**

And all is well, now and ever, **Bm - G - F#m - G**

You are loved and only loved, **Em - C - D - E**

And I will not leave you, **A - C#m**

I will not leave you, **A - C#m**

You will know you are whole, **D - A**

Light will fill your windows, **F#m - E - D**

You will find a feast before you, **D - A**

You will know this kindness, **F#m - E - D**

You will know that I am with you, **D - A**

You will be comforted. **F#m - E - A**

Oh Beautiful © 2012, Cynthia R. Crossen

Oh beautiful, oh innocent, **G - Am7 - Bm**

Oh luminous and true, **C - G**

In everyone and everything **G - Am7 - Bm**

I come to welcome you, **C - D**

That you may see the holy face of love in everything, **C - D - G - C - D**

And hear the holy echo of my voice around you sing. **G - Am7 - Bm - C - D - G**

Oh beautiful, magnificent, **G - Am7 - Bm**

Oh luminous and true, **C - G**

In everyone and everything **G - Am7 - Bm**

I come to welcome you, **C - D**

That I may see the holy face of love in everything, **C - D - G - C - D**

And hear the holy echo of your voice around me sing. **G - Am7 - Bm - C - D - G**

One World, One Planet © 1989, Cynthia R. Crossen

One world, one planet, **C - Am7**
Spinning deep in space, **C - Em - F**
Blue-green and beautiful, **G - (walkdown)**
Life's own face, **C - G - C**
Plants, animals, humankind **C - Am7**
Live in harmony, **C - Em - F**
One world, one planet, **Dm - G**
Calling us home to peace. **Fmaj7 - G - C**

Calling us home, no greed to divide us, **F - G**
No war to incite us, yours against mine, **C - Am - G**
Calling us home to our love for each other, **Dm - G**
Sister and brother, family mine, sharing our **C - F - G**

One world, one planet, **C - Am7**
Spinning deep in space, **C - Em - F**
Blue-green and beautiful, **G - (walkdown)**
Life's own face, **C - G - C**
Plants, animals, humankind **C - Am7**
Live in harmony, **C - Em - F**
One world, one planet, **Dm - G**
Calling us home to peace. **Fmaj7 - G - C**

Calling us home, rainforest and mountain, **F - G**
Desert and canyon, river and sea, **C - Am - G**
Calling us home to the beauty we're part of, **Dm - G**
Here in the heart of earth's majesty, singing of **C - F - G**

One world, one planet, **C - Am7**
Spinning deep in space, **C - Em - F**
Blue-green and beautiful, **G - (walkdown)**
Life's own face, **C - G - C**
Plants, animals, humankind **C - Am7**
Live in harmony, **C - Em - F**
One world, one planet, **Dm - G**
Calling us home to peace. **Fmaj7 - G - C**

Your Dear Little Face © 2012, Cynthia R. Crossen

"I so love your dear little face," **C - G - C - F**
My grandmother said to me, **C - G - C**
With her twinkle-y eyes and her wrinkle-y face, **C - G - C - F**
She came to me in my dream, **C - G - C**
 "I so love your dear little face," **F - C - F - C**
 Told me my grandmother sweet, **F - C - F**
 And she reached right over and tucked me in **C - G - C - F**
 And patted my fat little cheeks. **C - G - C (C - G - C - F - C - G - C)**

I reached out and patted her cheeks, **C - G - C - F**
And told my grandmother dear, **C - G - C**
"I so love your dear little face, **C - G - C - F**
And I'm so glad you're here," **C - G - C**
 "Won't you climb into my bed, **F - C - F - C**
 And snuggle right next to me, **F - C - F**
 And we can dream sweet dreams tonight **C - G - C - F**
 And you'll be close to me." **C - G - C (C - G - C - F - C - G - C)**

Many years have come and gone **C - G - C - F**
Since last I saw her face, **C - G - C**
Now my eyes are twinkle-y too, **C - G - C - F**
And I've got a wrinkle-y face, **C - G - C**
 I'm so glad to see her now **F - C - F - C**
 And hear her say to me, **F - C - F**
 "I so love your dear little face, **C - G - C - F**
 And you're so dear to me," **C - G - C**
 "I so love your dear little face, **C - G - C - F**
 And you're so dear to me." **C - G - C**

Wide Sky © 2011, Cynthia R. Crossen

You are my wide sky, **G - C**
Fireflies on a windy night, **Eb - C**
And like golden moonlight, **G - C**
 Evening primroses burst open, **Eb - C**
 Hummingbird moth sucks deeply **F - D**
 The sweetness of their nectar, **G - F - Eb - D**
And you are my wide sky. **G - C - Eb**

You are my wide sky, **G - C**
Raindrops from a brightening light **Eb - C**
Kiss cool on my skin tonight, **G - C**
 Small creatures scurry to safety, **Eb - C**
 Milkweed fragrance suffuses **F - D**
 The deep green of my garden, **G - F - Eb - D**
And you are my wide sky. **G - C - Eb**

You are my wide sky, **G - C**

Frogs sing to the long twilight **Eb - C**
On this summer solstice night, **G - C**
 I am alone and not lonely, **Eb - C**
 Flowers and fireflies hold me, **F - D**
 Warm earth is my home now **G - F - Eb - D**
And you are my wide sky, **G - C - Eb**
This twilight. **F**

Love, Come Into the World Through Me © 2007, Cynthia R. Crossen

Love, come into the world through me, **D - G - D**
I open to you, I love all I see, **A - D**
I live in your heart, your heart is in me, **G - D**
Come into the world through me, **A - G - A**

Love, come into the world through me, **D - G - D**
Blessing and blessed, fearless and free, **A - D**
Loving, beloved, rooted in thee, **G - D**
Come into the world through me, Love. **A - G - A - D**

Love, I promise you I will see **D - G - D**
My sisters and brothers here with me, **A - D**
Their beautiful faces so open and sweet **G - D**
Come into the world for me, **A - G - A**

For love, we are all flowers of you, **D - G - D**
Deeper than deep, truer than true, **A - D**
Into your heart we sink our roots, **G - D**
Out of your heart, Love, we bloom. **A - G - A - D**

Shine Brilliant Stars © 2010, Cynthia R. Crossen

In the dark of this world, **G - Em**
You are bright shining lights, **Bm - C**
Dazzling my life with radiance and splendor, **Am - G - B - C**
 You shine in my life, **G - D**
 You're the stars in my night, **Em - C - G**
 Bringing your light, **D - G - D**

And I look in your eyes, **G - Em**
They are loving and wise, **Bm - C**
A window to the truth that shines and illumines **Am - G - B - C**
 This heart we are in, **G - D**
 The splendor within **Em - C - G**
 This indescribable moment, **D - G - D**

CHORUS:

Shine brilliant stars, **G - D**
Light up this heart **Em - C**
With the glory of all that you are, **G - D - G - D**
Shine brilliant stars, **G - D**
Light up this heart **Em - C**
With the glory of all that you are. **G - D - G - D**

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The glory of all that you are, **G - D - G - D**
The glory of all that you are, **G - D - G - D**
Brilliant stars. **G - C - G**