**I BELIEVE IN LIGHTNING BUGS**

Our March Second Saturday artist Danny Schmidt graciously gave us permission to reprint this anthem-like song. His partner Carrie Elkin did a wonderful job singing lead on it at our March 11 concert. Danny and Carrie were both veteran road warriors and singer-songwriters when they became a couple a few years ago. You can hear their arrangement on their 2104 duo CD, ***For Keeps***, or at the link below to Danny Schmidt's webpage. If you want to play along with the record, capo I and play in G#.

COMPANY OF FRIENDS

*By Danny Schmidt*

**G D G**

When I die, let them judge me by my company of friends  
**G C G**

Let them know me as the footprints that I left upon the sand  
G  **C G**

Let them laugh for all the laughter  
**G Em D**

Let them cry for laughter’s end  
**D G D G**

But when I die, let them judge me by my company of friends

When I die, let them toast to all the things that I believe  
Let them raise a glass to consciousness

And not spill a drop for grief

Let the bubbles rise at midnight

Let their tongues get light as thieves

And when I die, let them toast to all the things that I believe

**G**

I believe in restless hunger  
**G C G**

I believe in red balloons  
**G C G**

I believe in private thunder  
**G D**

In the end I do believe

I believe in inspiration

I believe in lightning bugs

I believe in slow creation

In the end I do believe

I believe in ink on paper  
I believe in lips on ears  
I believe what's shared is savored  
In the end I do believe

I believe in work on Sundays  
I believe in raising barns  
I believe in wasting Mondays  
In the end I do believe

I believe in intuition  
I believe in being wrong  
I believe in contradiction  
In the end I do believe

I believe in living smitten  
**G C G**

I believe all hearts will mend  
**G C G**

I believe our book is written  
**G D G**

By our company of friends