

## 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. 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 1 and play in G#.

<https://youtu.be/ohdds4uHfQY?si=KY-zd3cbuZDRsLT1>

### 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