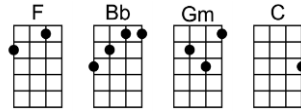


# A HEART THAT NEVER CLOSES - Mary C. Carpenter

4/4 1...2...123 (without intro)



**Intro: F (4 measures)**

**F**  
Is it a trick of the light or some sleight of hand

**F**  
Yester-day's in the rear view, you don't understand

**Bb**  
How fast it all goes, need to catch your breath

**F**  
Time is just a bandit tryin' to steal what's left

**Gm Bb C F**  
I'll keep it for you, you can keep it for me. Carryin' each other, we can carry

**F**  
Got my reasons for bein' all around this place

**F**  
Books, dogs and coffee and a day full of rain

**Bb**  
And when the clouds clear out, got a night full of stars

**F**  
I'm learnin' what to keep and what to let go of

**Gm Bb C F**  
I'll teach it to you, you can teach it to me. Carryin' each other, we can carry

**Bb F**  
Acorns in the fall, old camp blankets, wood smoke in my clothing, maples that I planted

**Bb Gm C**  
Irises in summer, and a heart that catches, the screen door that's always missing its latches

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**F**

**All the flights of the starlings that appear in the evening**

**F**

**In the din of congregation I'll take more than I'm leavin'**

**Bb**

**But not the bitter or broken, not the scars or the shame**

**F**

**I'll leave the windows wide open, you can do the same**

**Gm**

**Bb**

**C**

**F**

**I'm bringin' it to you, you can bring it to me. Carrying each other, we can carry**

**Interlude: First 5 lines**

**Bb**

**The noise that filled the kitchen on some New Year's Eve**

**F**

**For-gotten resolutions that I never believed in**

**Bb**

**Gm**

**C**

**The silence in the hall at the end of the day, that says we're alone but doesn't feel that way**

**F**

**I want to carry a life that doesn't do what its told**

**F**

**All the places and the songs and the stories we hold**

**Bb**

**And wishes thrown like brides throw their roses**

**F**

**Dreams I kept for no good reason and a heart that never closes**

**Gm**

**Bb**

**C**

**F**

**I'll carry it for you, you can carry it for me. Carrying each other, we can carry (repeat, fade)**