My Long Journey South
Lyrics and tune by Rob Gibbs and Denise Gibbs
(Medium tempo, Calypso-like beat) Capo 2 on guitar to play in key of D

CHORUS: Days are getting shorter; there’s a change in the air
I’ve got the urge for going; got no time to spare
A north wind is blowing and away I go--
All the way from Canada to Mexico

1. I’ll find my way to a place I’ve never been
Guided by the sun and riding the wind
Soaring like a hawk when the north winds blow
All the way from Canada to Mexico

2. When the winds are light and I have to flap
I need a lot of nectar to restore my fat
So as I fly, I look for flowers below
All the way from Canada to Mexico

3. It’s a long hard journey and I fly all day
I need a place to rest each night along the way
And roost with other monarchs in the sunset glow
All the way from Canada to Mexico

BRIDGE: These days it’s getting tougher to find what I need
Those GMO crops just don’t leave any weeds!
Parking lots, highways and the buildings below
Have replaced the meadows where the flowers used to grow

4. If time, and luck and weather are all with me
I’ll spend the winter in the mountains in the Oyamel trees
Help me by making sure that milkweeds grow
All along the route back from Mexico