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

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

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

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

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

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