

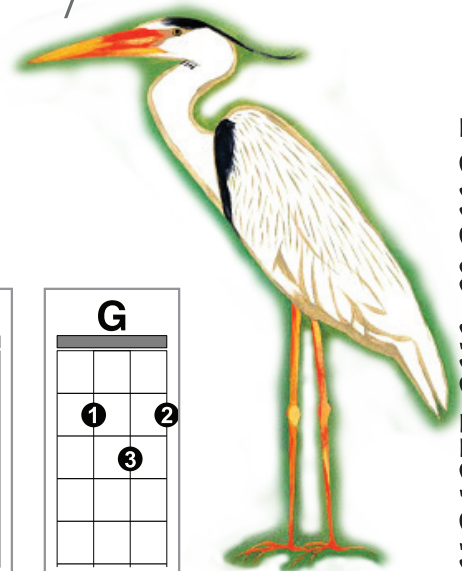
Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

Follow the Heron (Karine Polwart)

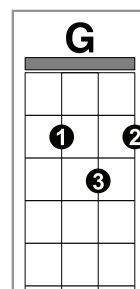
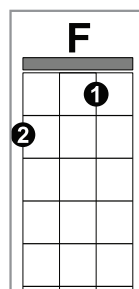
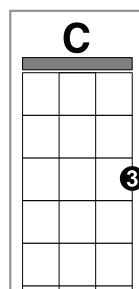
1 *C / / F / G C /*
 The back of the winter is bro - ken, and light lingers long by the door.
C / / F / G C
 The seeds of the summer have spo - ken In gowans that bloom on the shore.
G / C F
 By night and day we'll sport and we'll play
C / F G /
 And delight as the dawn dances over the bay;
C / / F / G C / / /
 Sleep blows the breath of the morning away and we follow the heron home.

2 *C / / F / G C /*
 In darkness we cradled our sor - row, and stoked all our fires with fear.
C / / F / G C
 Now these bones that lie empty and hol - low are ready for gladness to cheer.
G / C F
 By night and day we'll sport and we'll play
C / F G /
 And delight as the dawn dances over the bay;
C / / F / G C / / /
 Sleep blows the breath of the morning away and we follow the heron home.

3 *C / / F / G C /*
 Long may you sing of the sal - mon and the snow scented sounds of your home.
C / / F / G C /
 While the North Wind delivers its ser - mon of ice and salt water and stone.
G / C F
 By night and day we'll sport and we'll play
C / F G /
 And delight as the dawn dances over the bay;
C / / F /
 Sleep blows the breath of the morning away,
G C / / /
 And we follow the heron home.



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Written in 2002 by Karine Polwart, then with Scots band Malinky, when she was on the ferry with the band returning from the Shetland Folk Festival.