



HANDLE WITH CARE

September • Gentleness

Season One

Key: Eb major Tempo: 64.6 BPM Meter: 4/4

Intro

Eb Bb
Handle with care...
Bb
Ohhh... with care...

Verse 1

Eb
Joey got quiet after school
Fm Eb
Said, "Can I tell you something?"
Eb
Then he stared down at his shoes
Fm Gm Eb
Like maybe he should say nothing
Eb Fm Ab
I almost tried to make him laugh
Ab Bb
Almost told him what to do
Bb Gm
But something in the way he talked
Gm Bb7
Said, "Just let me talk to you"
Bb7
So I listened

Pre-Chorus

Cm
Sometimes somebody hands you
Ab Bb Ab
Something you can't see
Ab Bb
A little piece of who they are
Bb Cm Bb7
And trusts it there with me

Chorus

Fm Eb
Handle with care
Eb Bb7
When somebody lets you in
Bb7 Eb Ab
You don't have to have the answers
Bb Fm
You just have to be a friend
Cm Ab
Handle with care
Ab Bb
Every heart has somewhere sore
Eb Ab Bb
You don't know what someone's carrying
Bb Eb
When they walk through your door
Eb
When somebody trusts you
Bb Ab
Enough to let you there
Bb Eb Fm
Hold what they give you gently
Ab Bb Fm
Handle with care
Fm
[Backing]
Bb
With ca-a-a-are...

Verse 2

Eb
Sam came home all angry
Eb
Said she wanted to be alone
Eb Gm
I knew a hundred questions
Gm
But I left those questions home
Gm Cm
Later she sat beside me
Cm Ab
Didn't say what had gone wrong
Bb7 Eb
So I didn't try to fix it
Eb Ddim
I just stayed there all along
Gm Ab
And after a while she whispered
Ab Bb
"Thanks for letting me just be"
Bb Eb
Sometimes the kindest thing you say
Eb
Is giving someone room to breathe

Pre-Chorus

Ab
'Cause everybody carries
Ab Bb
Things they don't always show
Bb Eb Fm
And being gentle sometimes means
Gm Cm Fm
Not needing you to know

Chorus

Fm
Handle with care
Fm Eb
When somebody lets you in
Eb Ab
You don't have to have the answers
Bb Fm
You just have to be a friend
Fm Ab
Handle with care
Ab Bb
Every heart has somewhere sore
Bb Eb Bb
You don't know what someone's carrying
Bb Eb
When they walk through your door
Eb Cm
When somebody trusts you
Fm
Enough to let you there
Gm
Hold what they give you gently
Gm Fm
Handle with care

Bridge

Fm **Bb Eb**
Jesus never crushed the people
Eb
Who were already bent
Eb **Ab**
Never needed someone's weakness
Ab **Bb7**
To prove how strong he is
Bb7 **Cm**
He could tell the truth with kindness
Fm
He could see what others missed
Gm
Maybe gentleness is learning
Cm
How to love somebody like this
Bb
[Beat returns]
Bb
If your words can leave a bruise
Eb
Or help somebody heal
Bb7 **Cm**
Choose the ones that make it safe
Bb **Ab**
For somebody to be real
Ab **Fm** **Eb** **Bb**
[KEY CHANGE — because it is 1999 and we have standards]

Final Chorus

Bb Fm

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Fm

When somebody lets you in

Fm

You don't have to have the answers

Fm Bb7

You just have to be a friend

Bb7 Ab

Handle with care

Ab

Every heart has somewhere sore

Ab

You don't know what someone's carrying

Bb7

When they walk through your door

Bb7 Ab Bb7

When somebody trusts you

Bb7

Enough to meet you there

Ab

Hold what they give you gently

Ab

Handle with care

Ab

[Backing vocals]

Ab

I'll be there...

Ab

With care...

Ab

You can trust me...

Ab

Ohhhhhh...

Outro

Ab

You don't have to tell me everything.

Ab

Just know I'm here.

Ab

[Backing]

Ab

Handle with caaaaaare...

Ab Bb7

[absurdly tasteful final piano chord]