

in God.” The following day she wanders into Sunday Mass and calls her mom to say “thank you.” These are the final words of the film.

Part of accepting adulthood is to reject some of what we have been given, which may seem ungrateful. Yet this selective rejection of gifts is itself an act of gratitude, since the ultimate fruit of such gifts is the child becoming an adult. As Meister Eckhart

says, “The fruitfulness of the gift is the only gratitude for the gift.” We should be grateful to Greta Gerwig for bringing this truth so beautifully to the screen.

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## Les étoiles du coeur

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Robert Beum

Night woke our father:  
Off we went to it,  
Wandering silvered streets and lawns  
To find Orion’s belt  
Or magic Dippers  
Pouring out heaven’s gold and silver  
Forever.

He shied away from all astronomy:  
Let no one furl the sails of wonder;  
He traced the stars our hearts already saw:  
The giant Archer drew his bow  
To guard our little house on Sidney Street.  
Our father would be giving us the stars  
Forever.