

## Thirteen Gliding Principles

The Delgados

Alun: If you care  
Not to stare,  
Light the light  
But take the time.  
I've been there,  
I have stared  
And I have seen  
Things unseen.  
Take it back.  
Heart attack.  
A setting sun  
Where we've begun.  
Where you fall  
Children saw.  
About your life,  
Jesus wept.

Emma: Do you run  
For your fun  
Or do you slide  
The underside?  
Lock the door,  
Wash the floors,  
Shine the shine,  
From indoors.  
Did you choose  
To amuse?  
Did you leave a smile?  
You hit the ground  
Without a sound.  
You planned it from the start.

Both: I don't decide it,  
I only abide by it.  
Keep me beside you and I will confide.  
Simply the sound of it  
Carries me down with it.  
Plain on the outside and colored inside.

Alun: Things we've said  
When we're dead.  
Dragons fed  
And unfed.  
Take the car,  
Drive it far,  
Stay out.  
Exiled years.  
Forty fears.  
No one came,  
No one said,  
About your life  
About your wife.  
It's got to end.  
It always ends.

Emma: Could you say  
You haven't paid?

Watch your words  
As they're relayed.  
Falsify  
What went by.  
Glorify the same.  
You're twice the years,  
Half the fears.  
The middle man  
Is not so clear.  
You hit the ground  
Without a sound.  
You planned it from the start.

Both: I don't decide it,  
I only abide by it.  
Keep me beside you and I will confide.  
Simply the sound of it  
Carries me down with it.  
Plain on the outside  
And colored on the inside.  
Look what you've left me,  
Your bottles of camomile,  
Funny old phrases and out dated style.  
At least I'll be clean with it,  
Sliding at ease with it.  
First to the finish,  
Last on the floor.