

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.