Thirteen Gliding Principles

The Delgados

(If you care)
Do you run (not to stare)
For your fun (light the light)
Or do you slide (but take the time)
The underside? (I've been there)
Lock the door (I have stared)
Wash the floors (and I have seen)
Shine the shine (things unseen)
From indoors (take it back)
Did you choose (heart attack)
To amuse? (a setting sun)
Did you leave (where we've begun)
A smile? (where you fall)
You hit the ground (children saw)
Without a sound (about your life)
You planned it from (Jesus wept)
The start
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 coloured inside

(Things we've said)
Could you say (when we're dead)
You haven't paid? (dragons fed)
Watch your words (and unfed)
As they're relayed (take the car)
Falsify (drive it far)
What went by (drive it far)
Glorify (stay out)
The same (exiled years)
You're twice the years, (forty fears)
Half the fears (no one came)
The middle man (no one said)
Is not so clear (about your life)
You hit the ground (about your wife)
Without a sound (it's got to end)
You planned it from (it always ends)

The start

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 coloured inside
Look what you've left me, your bottles of chamomile
Funny old phrases and outdated style
At least I'll be clean with it, sliding at ease with it
First to the finish, last on the floor

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