Glass Spider

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Up until one century ago there lived
In the Zi Duang province of an eastern country
A glass-like spider

Having devoured its preyIt would drape the skeletons over its web
In weeks creating a macabre shrine of remains

Its web was also unique, in that it had many layers

Like floors in a buildingAt the top of this palace-like place

Assembled with almost apparent care

Were tiny, shining objects

Glass, beads, dewdropsOne could almost call it an altar

When the breeze blew through this construction

It produced sounds of wailing, crying

Tiny wails, tiny criesThe baby spiders would get scared

And search frantically for their mother

But the glass spider would have long gone

Having known that the babies

Would survive somehow on their ownOh, the glass spider had blue eyes almost like a human's They shed tears at the wintered turn of the centuriesDon't you hear this wasted cry, life is over you (Mummy come back 'cos the water's all gone)

But you've seen who's in Heaven, is there anyone in Hell?

(Mummy come back 'cos it's dark now) Take care, take care

(Mummy come back 'cos the water's all gone)

Somewhere she glows divine, somewhere she wakes alone

But you, you've promise in your lovin' eye

God it's dark nowGone, Gone the water's all gone

(Mummy come back 'cos the water's all gone)

Stay low on the ground

The fire can drive you savage and afraidSpitting at the dawn, come along before the animals awake (Gone, gone, the water's all gone

Mummy come back 'cos it's dark now)Run, run, moving all night, rivers to the left If your mama don't love you then riverbed might

Gone, gone, the water's all gone

(Mummy come back 'cos the water's all gone)Gone, gone, the water's all gone

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