Lifelines
R Edgar 2006

Em G
The sun was peach, the water blue
Am7 Bm7 Em
They both eased their way into this evening's charcoal dusk.
Em C
I speak, and ship horns interrupt
D F#Maj7
bass clarinets with their wood throats cut
Bm G6
This day is dying darlin'
Fmaj7 B7 Em
Here, floating off your shore.

A path was here, but's now defaced
The waves erased conquistador footprints long ago.
Hearts and doors have opened and shut
fresh homes built with their front yards cut
My thoughts are skippin' darlin'
Tossing shells from your shore.

Bb
What would it be to know what Mother Earth feels
Bb
With her centuries of blood and tragic appeals

Bleached from concrete and sky,

Leached from soil and shivering Loreli.
F# G
The opaque truth that for we who are alive
Dm C B7 Em
Life's measures can be found after sensing that we will die.

The sky is red, the water black
The rising lights force widening cracks into morning.
A wing descends to kiss a mutt
Boats are drifting with their lifelines cut
A new day is comin', darlin',
Dreams together, on this sandy shore.