

## In memoriam Edward D. Harris, Jr., MD

(for Debbie Lancaster)

The lark descends  
The panda scowls  
The cheetah limps  
The parrot growls

The beaver tires  
The ant gives up  
The bee is lost  
The cat won't sup

The salmon fall  
Rhinoceri fret  
Horses can't gallop  
Elephants forget

The world's undone  
Love's labour's lost  
The heart beats still  
In summer's frost

The stilled heart beats  
Through sorrow's might  
And memory's pain  
And shrouded sight

Then slowly slowly  
On the wing  
A lark ascends  
Again, to sing

The lark ascends  
The rhinos snooze  
The salmon leap  
The panda coos

Parrots parrot  
Honeybees dance  
Cheetahs race  
While horses prance

Elephants remember  
That beavers whirr  
And ants march on  
And kittens purr

So grief will thaw  
Though never leave  
So hearts will gladden  
As they grieve

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