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In memory of Alison Kelly
1960 – 2013

*and you will find one bright morning
your boat moored at a different shore.*
—Antonio Machado

Winter Solstice at Dowth, 3pm

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down
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we watch
the sun
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The Sun-Artist

at the Cross of Muiredach, Monasterboice, c. 850–2009AD

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f a d i n p f a d i n
f a d i n p a f a d i n
f a d i p a t t f a d i
f a d p a t t e f a d
f a d p a t t e r f a d
f a p a t t e r n f a
f a p a t t e r n s f a
f p a t t e r n s p f
f p a t t e r n s p a f
p a t t e r n s p a t

deepshadowed sunset renews fading patterns

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 w o f l u t t e r i w o
 w f l u t t e r i n w
 w f l u t t e r i n g w

sudden illumination shadow-worlds fluttering

Daytrip on the Enterprise

Dublin-Belfast Return Monday – Saturday

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D 09.35 D
U 09.35 U
B 09.35 B
L 09.35 L
I 09.35 I
N 09.35 N

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Belfast
B 18.10 B
E 18.10 E
L 18.10 L
F 18.10 F
A 18.10 A
S 18.10 S
T 18.10 T

Dep
Drogheda
D 10.06 D
R 10.06 R
O 10.06 O
G 10.06 G

Dep
Drogheda
D 19.41 D
R 19.41 R
O 19.41 O
G 19.41 G

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E 10.06 E
D 10.06 D
A 10.06 A

H 19.41 H
E 19.41 E
D 19.41 D
A 19.41 A

Arr
Belfast
B 11.50 B
E 11.50 E
L 11.50 L
F 11.50 F
A 11.50 A
S 11.50 S
T 11.50 T

Arr
Dublin
D 20.15 D
U 20.15 U
B 20.15 B
L 20.15 L
I 20.15 I
N 20.15 N

The Dream-Clock

