

The Leaders

From the beginning of the journey,
it is we who lead the way,
we call the tune
we beat the drum
we send our chemical messages
and you you must obey.

But at the journey's end,
at the culmination of it all,
we are the stalk and the stem
who raise you up to the sky
so that you might live
while we we must die.

P.R. Fisher, *ca* 2000.