

Van Der Graaf Generator - Sleepwalkers

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Intro: Dm C Bb C

At night, this mindless army
Ranks unbroken by dissent
Is moved into action
And their pace does not relent

In step, with great precision
These dancers of the night
Advance against the darkness -
How implacable their might!
Eyes undulled by moon
Their arms and legs akimbo
They walk and live, hoping soon
To surface from this limbo

Am G F
Their minds, anticipating the dawn of the day
G F Em
Shall never know what's waiting mere insight away
F Dm
Too far, too soon

Dm C Bb
Senses dimmed in semi-sentence
Dm C Bb
Only wheeling through this plane
Dm C Bb
Only seeing fragmented images
Am Bb C
Prematurely curtailed by the brain

Dm C Bb
But breathing, living, knowing
Dm C Bb
In some measure at least
Dm C Bb
The soul which roots the matter
Am
Of both Beauty and the Beast

Am Bb
From what tooth or claw does murder spring
Am Bb F
From what flesh and blood does passion?
Am Bb
Both cut through the air with the pendulum's swing
Am Bb C Dm
In deadly but delicate fashion

Am G F
And every range of feeling is there in the dream
G F Em
And every logic's reeling in the force of the scream
F Dm
The senses sting

Am G F
And though I may be dreaming and reality stalls
G F Em
I only know the meaning of sight and that's all
F E Dm D
And that's nothing

D A Dm A Am Ab

The columns of the ni-ght ad-van-ce
D A Dm A Am Ab
Infectiously, their cryp-tic dan-ce
D A Ab Am Ab
Gathers converts to the fold -
Ab G Ab G
In time the whole raw world will pace these same steps
Ab
On into the same bitter end

(Eb Eb7 Ab Db Ab)
(Eb Eb7 Ab Fm G)
(G7 Cm Dm F Am C B)

D Am Ab G
Somnolent muster now the dancing dead
D Am Ab G
Forsake the shelter of their secure beds
D Am Ab G
Awaken to a slumber whose depths they dread
Ab G
As if the ground they tread would give way
C E Ab G
Beneath the solemn weight of their conception

C
I'd search the hidden corners
E
Of all this world
A D
Make reason of the sensory whorl
Dbm Am
If I only had time
B Am
But soon the dream is en-ded

(Dm G F D)
(Dm D C Bb)
(D C D Bb C)

Dm C Bb C
Tonight, before you lay down
Dm C Bb C
To the sweetness of your sleep
Dm C Bb
Do you question your surrender
A Bb C
To the drop from Lover's Leap
Dm C Bb C
Or does the anaesthetic darkness
Dm C Bb C
Take hold on its very own?
Dm C Bb
Does your body rise in service
A Bb C
With not one dissenting groan?

A Bb
These waking dreams of life and death
A
In the mirror
Bb F
Are twisted and buckled
A Bb
Lashes flicker, a catch of breath
A Bb C Dm
Skin whitening at the knuckles

Am G F
The army of sleepwalkers shake their limbs and are loose
G F E
And though I am a talker, I can phrase no excuse
F D
Not to rise again

D A Dm A Am Ab
In the chorus of the night-time I belong
D A Dm A Am Ab
And I, like you, must dance to that moonlight song
D A Ab G Ab G

And in the end I too must pay the cost of this life
 If all is lost none is known
 And how could we lose what we've never owned?
 Oh, I'd search out every knowledge that I could find

Unravel all the mysteries of mind
 If I only had time
 If I only had time
 But soon my time is ended

Acordes

								
								
								