

Van Der Graaf Generator - Sleepwalkers

tom:

Intro: Dm C Bb C

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

Dm C Bb C
In step, with great precision
Dm C Bb C
These dancers of the night
Dm C Bb C
Advance against the darkness -
Am
How implacable their might!
Bb
Eyes undulled by moon
Am Bb F
Their arms and legs akimbo
Am Bb
They walk and live, hoping soon
Am Bb C Dm
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-sentience
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

Ab G
If all is lost none is known

C E A D
And how could we lose what we've never owned?

C E
Oh, I'd search out every knowledge that I could find

A D
Unravel all the mysteries of mind

Dbm
If I only had time

Am
If I only had time

Bm A
But soon my time is ended

Acordes

D, Dm, C, Bb, Am, F, G, Em, E, A, Ab, Eb, Eb7, Db, Fm, G7, Cm, B

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