

# Sleepwalk

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Feel these arms  
steel arms, now we are blind  
hide my eyes  
my eyes so out of place here  
now we are hard-cutting  
trapped in beneath  
cold-loving mirrors stand alone  
they lead you alone  
they lead you alone old hearts break down  
footsteps tied till believeing  
can we hold sand?  
slow hands break up the family  
we all fall down  
one chance to fail, sleepwalking  
take off your face  
you'll learn to trust my dry hands this cage is still  
and he cracks, now we are safer  
true dreams stay west  
I say to kids "are you protected?"  
now we are answers  
silence pressed pure  
we wait at the crest of our will  
and we stand alone  
we lead you alone  
we lead you alone (still) we will feel movement  
(still) and we will fill stations  
(still) we will fear time  
(still) this time we are bleeding  
(still) tears of love like strangers  
(still) bite through, break the ice  
(still) soon words will be forgotten  
(still) though, cruel scenes linger on we hide from sound-paintings on distant walls  
we hide from cold still-lives on empty floors  
we hide our bent husbands behind slamming doors  
don't run to the window  
because burning glass warps we stand still  
and we stand like whores  
we are alone  
and we stand still

and we stand like whores  
we are alone  
we stand still  
yes, we stand like whores  
we are alone  
we stand still

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