

# 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 aloneold 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 handsthis 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 onwe 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 warpswe 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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