

Van Der Graaf Generator "Medley, parts of: (ii) The Sleepwalkers"

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(Hammill)

Tonight, before you lay down to the sweetness of your
sleep
do you question your surrender to the drop from
Lover's Leap
or does the anaesthetic darkness take hold on its very
own?
Does your body rise in service with not one dissenting
groan?
These waking dreams of life and death
in the mirror are twisted and buckled,
lashes flicker, a catch of breath,
skin whitening at the knuckles.
The army of sleepwalkers shake their limbs and are
loose
and though I am a talker, I can phrase no excuse
not to rise again.
In the chorus of the night-time I belong
and I, like you, must dance to that moonlight song
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... ended, soon my time is
ended.

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