

Some times non-verbal communication is better

Album title = "Talking is Hard"

WALK THE MOON "Shut Up and Dance"

focus on physical present (and significant other) to forget the past

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Just keep your eyes on me."

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victims/powerless in the face of love (& women/fate)

woman = fate

We were victims of the night,
The chemical, physical, kryptonite
Helpless to the bass and faded light
Oh, we were bound to get together,

makes Superman powerless

night/music/dance > man/speech

idea of fate again

Bound to get together.

active diction:
in control (she is)

She took my arm,

I don't know how it happened.

he's passive

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fate in control

lost era of freedom & individuality
↳ trying to reclaim

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commanding/authoritative

contrast → femininity & masculinity

diction: term from '80s

A backless dress and some beat up sneaks,

My discothèque, Juliet teenage dream.

I felt it in my chest as she looked at me.

I knew we were bound to be together,

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allusion: from Romeo and Juliet → fated love (possible violent end); young/passionate

must not think in order to feel

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"knew" fate → knowledge based on faith, not reason (feeling, not thinking)

≠ thought

mind/thinking gets in the way of fate/love/life

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lyrics of the song are ironically about how you shouldn't worry about the lyrics of a song

no longer fighting
girl / "destiny"

Oh, come on girl!

Youth = faith, love,
& fate

Deep in her eyes,
I think I see the future.
I realize this is my last chance.

self = past
girl = future → others
necessary
for progress

increasingly
trapped in our minds
(worries) and unable
to dance (enjoy) as
we age

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Oh, oh, oh, shut up dance with me /2x/

Verses/lyrics
devolve &
chorus/music
takes over
↓
dance > words
↓
music > lyrics