

topic ①: body v. mind

topic ②: control

some times non-verbal communication is better ①

Album title = "Talking is Hard" ①

WALK THE MOON "Shut Up and Dance"

"Oh don't you dare look back
Just keep your eyes on me."
I said, "You're holding back,"

focus on physical present (and significant other) to forget the past ①

She said, "Shut up and dance with me!"

woman = fate

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victims/powerless in the face of love (& women/fate) ②

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

makes Superman powerless ①

night/music/dance → man/speech

idea of fate again ②

active diction: in control (she is) ②

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I don't know how it happened.
We took the floor and she said,

he's passive → fate in control

lost era of freedom & individuality
↳ trying to reclaim

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commanding/authoritative ②
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,
Bound to be together

allusion: from Romeo and Juliet → fated ②
v. reality love (possible violent end); young/passionate

must not think in order to feel ①

① ≠ thought

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

knowledge based on faith, not reason (feeling, not thinking) ①

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

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no longer fighting
girl / "destiny"

②

Oh, come on girl!

self = past
girl = future
② others
necessary
for progress

①

youth = faith, love,
& fate

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

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

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

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