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*Fading Out, 2003*

black and white toned photographs and multimedia  
26 x 20 inches

I wake in a state of instant disarray.  
The alarm blares to a beat of extreme botheration.  
Venturing from my sleep haven, security disappears  
Fear, fretfulness, and frustration take a tight grasp.  
Angst and anguish are met with severe chaos.  
Are they watching with judging eyes?  
Are they whispering menacing thoughts?  
Alone, tormented to the point of plight,  
I cower back to my corner of crux.  
...A scream resonates throughout my body.  
Eyes wide open,  
I rise with a new attitude!