

# The Sound of Silence

by Simon & Garfunkel

[Verse 1]

Am G  
Hello darkness, my old friend,  
Am  
I've come to talk with you again,  
F C  
Because a vision softly creeping,  
F C  
Left its seeds while I was sleeping,  
F C  
And the vision that was planted in my brain  
C/B Am  
Still remains  
C G Am  
Within the sound of silence.

[Verse 2]

G  
In restless dreams I walked alone  
Am  
Narrow streets of cobblestone,  
F C  
'neath the halo of a street lamp,  
F C  
I turned my collar to the cold and damp  
F  
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon  
C C/B Am  
light That split the night  
C G Am  
And touched the sound of silence.

[Verse 3]

G  
And in the naked light I saw  
Am  
Ten thousand people, maybe more.  
F C  
People talking without speaking,  
F C  
People hearing without listening,  
F C  
People writing songs that voices never share

C/B Am  
And no one dare  
C G Am  
Disturb the sound of silence.

[Verse 4]

G  
Fools said I, you do not know  
Am  
Silence like a cancer grows.  
F C  
Hear my words that I might teach you,  
F C  
Take my arms that I might reach you.  
F C C/B Am  
But my words like silent raindrops fell,  
C  
And echoed  
G Am  
In the wells of silence

[Verse 5]

G  
And the people bowed and prayed  
Am  
To the neon God they made.  
F C  
And the sign flashed out its warning,  
F C  
In the words that it was forming.  
F  
And the sign said, the words of the prophets  
C  
Are written on the subway walls  
C C/B Am  
And tenement halls.  
C G Am  
And whisper'd in the sounds of silence.