

THE SOUND OF SILENCE *(Paul Simon)*

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

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

Am **G**
And in the naked light I saw
G **Am**
Ten thousand people, maybe more.
Am **C** **F** **C**
People talking without speaking,
C **F** **C**
People hearing without listening,
F **C**
People writing songs that voices never share
C
And no one dare
Am **G** **Am**
Disturb the sound of silence.

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

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

