

The Sound of Silence

Simon & Garfunkel

- Am** **G**
1. Hello darkness my old friend
I've come to talk with you again **Am**
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 **F** **C**
still remains - within the sound of silence. **Am** **G** **Am**
- Am** **G**
2. In restless dreams I walked alone
narrow streets of cobble-stone **Am**
neath the halo of a street lamp **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 **F** **C**
that spilt the night and touched the sound of silence. **Am** **G** **Am**
- Am** **G**
3. And in the naked light I saw
ten thousand people maybe more **Am**
people talking without speaking **F** **C**
people hearing without listening **F** **C**
people writing songs that voices never share **F** **C**
and no one dare disturb the sound of silence. **Am** **G** **Am**
- Am** **G**
4. "Fools!" said I "you do not know
silence like a cancer grows **Am**
hear my words that I might teach you **F** **C**
take my arm that I might reach you." **F** **C**
But my words like silent raindrops fell **F** **C**
and echoed in the wells of silence. **Am** **G** **Am**

Am

G

5. 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 and the sign said:

F

C

"The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls

Am

G

Am

and tenament halls" and whisper'd in the sound of silence.