

The Sounds of Silence

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel

Intro: Am

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

Am G
In restless dreams I walked alone
Am
Narrow streets of cobblestone,
C F C
'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 (B) Am (B) C
That split the night
C G Am
And touched the sound of silence.

Am G
And in the naked light I saw
Am
Ten thousand people, maybe more.
C F C
People talking without speaking,
F C
People hearing without listening,
F C
People writing songs that voices never shared
F C (B) Am (B) C G Am
And no one dared
G Am
disturb the sound of silence.

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

Am G
And the people bowed and prayed
Am
To the neon God they made.
C F C
And the sign flashed out it's 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
F C (B) Am (B) C
And tenement halls.
C G Am
And whispered in the sounds of silence.

Ending: Am