

# Sound of Silence

Timing 4/4

**Intro:** [C//] Within the [G//] sound of [Am] silence [Am]

[NC] Hello, darkness, my old [G] friend . . I've come to talk with you [Am] again.  
Because a [C] vision soft-[F]-ly creep-[C]-ing  
Left its seeds while I [F] was sleep-[C]-ing  
And the [F] vision . . . that was planted [G] in my [C] brain  
Still re-[Am]-mains . . . [C] within the [G] sound . . . of [Am] silence

[Am] In restless dreams, I walked a- [G]lone; narrow streets of cobble-[Am]-stone  
Beneath the [C] halo of [F] a street [C] lamp  
[C] I turned my collar to the [F] cold and [C] damp  
When my [F] eyes were stabbed by the flash of a [G] neon [C] light . . .  
That split the [Am] night . . . [C] And touched the [G] sound . . . of [Am] silence

[Am] And in the naked light I [G] saw . . . ten thousand people may be [Am] more.  
People [C] talking with-[F]-out speak-[C] ing  
People hearing with-[F]-out listen-[C]-ing  
People [F] writing songs that voices [G] never [C] share . . .  
And no one [Am] dare . . . [C] disturb the [G] sound of [Am] silence.

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

[Am] And the people bowed and [G] prayed . . to the neon god they [Am] made  
And the [C] sign flashed out [F] its warn [C] ing.  
In the words that it [F] was form [C] ing.

[C] And the signs said, "The [F] words of the prophets  
Are written on the [G] subway [C] walls . . and tenement [Am] halls."  
And [C] whispered in the [G] sound . . of [Am] silence [Am]

