



The Sound Of Silence

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Am G(4) / Am(4)
 Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk with you again
 F(2) C(2) F(2)C(2)
 Because a vision softly creeping, left its seeds while I was sleeping
 2/4 F C(4) Am(4)
 And the vision that was planted in my brain, still remains
 C(2) G(4) Am(4)
 Within the sound of silence

Am G Am
 In restless dreams I walked alone, narrow streets of cobblestone
 F C
 'Neath the halo of a street lamp
 F C
 I turned my collar to the cold and damp
 2/4 F C
 When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
 Am C(2) G(4) Am(4)
 That split the night, and touched the sound of silence

Am G Am
 And in the naked light I saw, ten thousand people, maybe more
 F C F C
 People talking without speaking, people hearing without listening
 2/4 F C
 People writing songs that voices never share
 Am C(2) G(4) Am(4)
 And no one dare, disturb the sound of silence

Am G Am
 "Fools" said I "You do not know, 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"
 2/4 F C Am
 But my words like silent raindrops fell
 C(2) G(4) Am(4)
 And echoed in the wells of silence

Am G Am
 And the people bowed and prayed, to the neon god they made
 F C F C
 And the sign flashed out its warning, in the words that it was forming
 2/4 F
 And the sign said "The words of the prophets
 C Am
 Are written on subway walls, and tenement halls
 C(2) G(4) Am(4)
 And whispered in the sounds of silence"

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