Sounds of Silence – Simon & Garfunkel

1

Am **G**
Hello darkness my old friend,
Am
I've come to talk with you again.
C **F** **C**
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
Am **C** **G** **Am**
Still remains ξ within the sounds of silence.

2

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

3

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,
Am
No one dared
C **G** **Am**
ξ Disturb the sounds of silence.

4

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** **Am**
But my words like silent raindrops fell ξ
C **G** **Am**
And echoed in the wells of silence.

5

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

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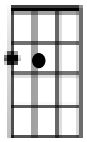

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