**The Sound of Silence**

Paul Simon 1964

**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /**

**Picking pattern throughout first verse**

**A|--2---2-|--2---2-|**

**E|----2---|----2---|**

**C|4-------|4-------|**

**G|--------|--------|**

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**[Em9] / [Em9] /**

**[Em9]** Hello **[Em9]** darkness my old **[D]** friend **[D]**

**[D]** I've come to **[D]** talk with you a-**[Em]**gain **[Em]**

**[Em]** Because a **[Em]** vision softly-**[C]**-y creep-**[G]**ing

**[G]** Left its **[G]** seeds while I wa-**[C]**-as sleep-**[G]**ing

**[G]** And the **[C]** vision **[C]** that was

**[C5]** Planted **[C5]** in my **[G]** brain

**[G]** Still re-**[G]**mains **[Em]**

**[G]** Within the **[D]** sound **[D]** of **[Em9]** silence **[Em9] / [Em]↓**

In restless dreams I walked a-**[D]**lone **[D]**

**[D]** Narrow **[D]** streets of cobble-**[Em]**stone **[Em]**

**[Em]** ‘Neath the **[Em]** halo of a-**[C]**-astreet-**[G]**lamp

**[G]** I turned my **[G]** collar to the **[C]** cold and **[G]** damp

**[G]** When my **[C]** eyes were **[C]** stabbed

By the **[C5]** flash of a **[C5]** neon **[G]** light

**[G]** That split the **[G]** night **[Em]**

**[G]** And touched the **[D]** sound **[D]** of **[Em]** silence **[Em]**

**[Em]** And in the **[Em]** naked light I **[D]** saw **[D]**

**[D]** Ten thousand **[D]** people maybe **[Em]** more **[Em]**

**[Em]** People **[Em]** talking with-**[C]**out speak-**[G]**ing

**[G]** People **[G]** hearing with-**[C]**out listen-**[G]**ing

**[G]** People **[G]** writing **[C]** songs **[C]** that

**[C5]** Voices **[C5]** never **[G]** shared

**[G]** And no one **[G]** dared **[Em]**

**[G]** Disturb the **[D]** sound **[D]** of **[Em]** silence **[Em]**

**[Em]** “Fools” said **[Em]** I, “You do not **[D]** know **[D]**

**[D]** Silence **[D]** like a cancer **[Em]** grows **[Em]**

**[Em]** Hear my **[Em]** words that I mi-**[C]**-ight teach **[G]** you

**[G]** Take my **[G]** arms that I mi-**[C]**-ight reach **[G]** you”

**[G]** But my **[C]** words **[C]** like

**[C5]** Silent **[C5]** raindrops **[G]** fell **[G]**

**[G] / [Em]**

And **[G]** echoed **[G]** in the **[D]** wells **[D]** of **[Em]** silence **[Em]**

**[Em]** And the **[Em]** people bowed and **[D]** prayed **[D]**

**[D]** To the **[D]** neon God they **[Em]** made **[Em]**

**[Em]** And the **[Em]** sign flashed out i-**[C]**-its warn-**[G]**ing

**[G]** In the **[G]** words that it wa-**[C]**as form-**[G]**ing

**[G]** And the **[G]** sign said “The **[C]** words of the **[C]** prophets

Are **[C5]** written on the **[C5]** subway **[G]** walls

**[G]** And tenement **[G]** halls **[Em]**

And **[G]** whispered **[G]** in the **[D]** sounds **[D]↓**

Of \***[Em9]** silence **[Em9] / [Em9] / [Em]↓**

**\*|[Em9] |[Em9] |[Em9] |[Em9]↓**

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**E|----2---|----2---|----2---|2**

**C|4-------|4-------|4-------|4**

**G|--------|--------|--------|0**

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