

Sound of Silence

Simon & Garfunkel

Capo 5

Ami

G

1. Hello darkness my old friend

Ami

I've come to talk with you again

F C

Because a vision softly creeping

F C

Left its seeds while I was sleeping.

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And the vision that was planted in my brain

Ami

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Ami

Still remains within the sound of silence.

2. In restless dreams I walked alone,

Narrow streets of cobble-stone,

'neath the halo of a street lamp

I turned my collar to the cold and damp.

When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light

That spilt the night and touched the sound of silence.

3. And in the naked light I saw

Ten thousand people maybe more.

People talking without speaking,

People hearing without listening,

People writing songs that voices never share,

And no one dare disturb the sound of silence.

4. "Fools!" said I "You do not know

Silence like a cancer grows

Hear my words that I might teach you

Take my arms that I might reach you."

But my words like silent raindrops fell

And echoed in the wells of silence.

5. And the people bowed and prayed

To the neon god they made

And the sign flashed out its warning

In the words that it was forming and the sign said:

"The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls

And tenement halls." and whisper'd in the sound of silence.