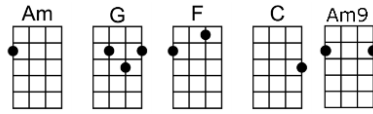


# THE SOUND OF SILENCE-Paul Simon

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**Intro: Am (4 beats)**

Am G Am  
Hello, darkness, my old friend. I've come to talk with you a-gain  
F C F C  
Because a vision, soft-ly creep-ing, left its seeds while I was sleep-ing  
F C Am C G Am  
And the vision that was planted in my brain still remains within the sound of silence

Am G Am  
In restless dreams I walked a-lone, narrow streets of cobble-stone  
F C F C  
'Neath the halo of a street-lamp, I turned my collar to the cold and damp  
F C Am  
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light that split the night  
C G Am  
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 with-out speak-ing, people hearing with-out listen-ing  
F C Am C G Am  
People writing songs that voices never share, no one dared disturb the sound of silence

Am G Am  
"Fools," said I, "You do not know, silence like a cancer grows  
F C F C  
Hear my words that I might teach you, take my arms that I might reach you."  
F C Am C G Am  
But my words like silent raindrops fell, 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 warn-ing in the words that it was form-ing  
F C  
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls  
Am C G Am Am9  
And tenement halls, and whispered in the sounds of silence."