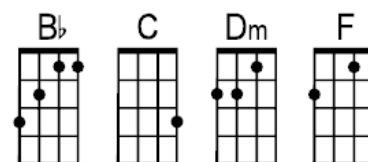


Sound of Silence

Paul Simon



Dm C C Dm
Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk to you again.
Dm// F// Bb// F// F Bb// F//
For the vision softly-y creeping, left its seeds while I wa-as sleeping,
F// Bb Bb F F// Dm//
And the vision that was planted in my brain still remains
F// C Dm
Within the sound of silence.

Dm C C Dm
In restless dreams I walked alone, through narrow streets of cobblestone.
Dm// F// Bb// F// F Bb// F//
Beneath the halo of a-a street lamp, I turned my collar to the cold and damp.
F// Bb Bb F F// Dm//
When my eyes were stabbed by a flash of the neon light, that split the night
F// C Dm
And touched the sound of silence.

Dm C C Dm
And in the naked light I saw ten thousand people maybe more.
Dm// F// Bb// F// F Bb// F//
People talking withou-out speaking, people hearing withou-out listening.
F Bb Bb F F// Dm//
People writing songs that voices never shared, no one dared
F// C Dm
Disturb the sound of silence.

There are lots of irregular measures in this song. Just follow the map and you'll stay on track!

Dm C C Dm
"Fools," said I, "you do not know, silence like a cancer grows.
Dm// F// Bb// F// F Bb// F//
Hear my words that I mi-ight teach you. Take my arms that I mi-ight reach you."
F// Bb Bb F/// Dm/
But my words like silent raindrops fell
F// Dm// F C Dm
And echoed in the wells of silence.

Dm C C Dm
And the people bowed and prayed to the neon god they made.
Dm// F// Bb// F// F Bb// F//
And the sign flashed out i-its warning, in the words that it wa-as forming
F Bb Bb F
And the sign said: "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls
F// Dm// F C <pause> Dm
And tenement halls," and whispered in the sounds of silence.