

## **SPEED OF THE SOUND OF LONELINESS (JOHN PRINE, 1986)**

**Intro: G G C C D D G G**

**G C**  
You come home late and you come home early

**D G**  
You come on big when you're feeling small

**G C**  
You come home straight and you come home curly

**D D7 G**  
Sometimes you don't come home at all.

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**Chorus:**

**G C**  
So what in the world's come over you

**D G**  
And what in heaven's name have you done.

**G C**  
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness

**D D7 G**  
You're out there running just to be on the run. (Tag as last line)

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**Well, I got a heart that burns with a fever,  
And I got a worried and a jealous mind.  
How can a love that'll last forever,  
get left so far behind? (Chorus)**

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**(Instrumental, same chords as one verse)**

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**It's a mighty mean and a dreadful sorrow,  
It's crossed the evil line today.  
How can you ask about tomorrow?  
We ain't got one word to say. (Chorus)**