

# The Sound Of Silence

Words and Music by  
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Moderately

**Guitar Chords:**




- Dm:
- C:
- Bb:
- F:

**Lyrics:**




Hel - lo dark-ness, my old friend,  
I've come to talk to you a - gain, Be-cause a vi - sion soft - ly  
creep - ing, left its seeds while I was sleep - ing,  
And the vi - sion \_\_\_\_\_ that was plant-ed in my brain still re -

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
mains with - in the sound of

si - lence. \_\_\_\_\_




In rest - less dreams I walked a - lone  
And in the na - ked light I saw

*mp* (Melody)

nar - row streets of cob - ble - stone,  
ten thou - sand peo - ple, may - be more.

'Neath the ha - lo of a  
Peo - ple talk - ing with - out


street lamp, \_  
speak - ing, \_

I turned my col - lar to the cold and damp \_  
peo - ple hear - ing with - out lis - ten - ing \_

B $\flat$  F

When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne-on light that split the  
 Peo - ple writ - ing songs \_\_\_\_\_ that voic - es nev - er share and no one

Dm F C Dm

night dare and touched the sound of si - lence. \_\_\_\_\_  
 dis - turb the sound of si - lence. \_\_\_\_\_

Dm C Dm

"Fools!" said I, "You do not know si-lence like a can-cer grows."

F B $\flat$  F

"Hear my words that I might teach you, — Take my arms that I might

B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

reach you." \_ But my words like si-lent rain-drops

F Dm F C

fell, and ech-oed \_\_\_\_\_ in the wells of

Dm C

si-lence. \_\_\_\_\_ And the peo-ple bowed and prayed

Dm F

to the ne-on god they made. And the sign flashed out its

B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F

warn - ing. — In the words that it was form - ing, —

B $\flat$

And the signs said "The words of the proph-ets are writ - ten on the sub - way

F Dm F

walls — and ten - e - ment halls" And whis - per'd — in the

*poco a poco dim.* *mp*

C Dm

sounds of si - lence. —

*poco a poco ritard.* *p* (Melody) *pp*