

53-The Sound of Silence v01/15/26

Simon and Garfunkel - 1964

(Dan, w/ Paul Harmony)

(Gary start on guitar two measures)

[Dsus2] Hello darkness my old [Csus2]friend
I've come to talk with you [Dsus2]again
Because a vision soft[A#]ly creep[F]ing
Left his seeds while I [A#]was sleep[F]ing
And the [A#]vision that was planted in my [F]brain
Still remain [Dm] [F] within the [C]sound of [Dsus2]silence.

(Verse 1)

In restless dreams I walked a[C]lone
Narrow streets of cobble[Dm]stone
'Neath the halo of [A#]a street [F]lamp
I turned my collar to the [A#]cold and [F]damp
When my [A#]eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon [F]light
That split the night [Dm] [F] and touched the [C]sound of [Dm]silence.

(Verse 2)

And in the naked light I [C]saw
Ten thousand people maybe [Dm]more
People talking with[A#]out speak[F]ing
People hearing with[A#]out listen[F]ing
People writing [A#]songs that voices never [F]share
And no one dare [Dm] [F] disturb the [C]sound of [Dm]silence

(Verse 3)

Fools said I you do not [C]know
Silence like a cancer [Dm]grows
Hear my words that I [A#]might teach [F]you
Take my arms that I [A#]might reach [F]you
But my [A#]words like silent raindrops [F]fell
[Dm] And [F]echoed in the [C]wells of [Dm]silence

(Verse 4)

And the people bowed and [C]prayed
To the neon god they [Dm]made
And the s[F]ign flashed out i[A#]ts warni[F]ng
In the words that it [A#]was form[F]ing

And the sign said
The [A#]words of the prophets are written on the subway [F]walls
And tenement halls [Dm] and [F]whispered in the [C]sounds of
[Dsus2]silence Dsus2-Hold