

# The Sound of Silence

Simon & Garfunkel

- Ami** **G**  
1. Hello darkness my old friend **Ami**  
I've come to talk with you again  
**F** **C**  
because a vision softly creeping  
**F** **C**  
left its seeds while I was sleeping  
**F** **C**  
and the vision that was planted in my brain  
**Ami** **G** **Ami**  
still remains within the sound of silence.  
**Ami** **G**
2. In restless dreams I walked alone  
**Ami**  
narrow streets of cobble-stone  
**F** **C**  
neath the halo of a street lamp  
**F** **C**  
I turned my collar to the cold and damp  
**F** **C**  
when my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light  
**Ami** **G** **Ami**  
that spilt the night and touched the sound of silence.  
**Ami** **G**
3. And in the naked light I saw **Ami**  
ten thousand people maybe more  
**F** **C**  
people talking without speaking  
**F** **C**  
people hearing without listening  
**F** **C**  
people writing songs that voices never share  
**Ami** **G** **Ami**  
and no one dare disturb the sound of silence.  
**Ami** **G**
4. "Fools!" said I "you do not know **Ami**  
silence like a cancer grows  
**F** **C**  
hear my words that I might teach you  
**F** **C**  
take my arm that I might reach you."  
**F** **C**  
But my words like silent raindrops fell  
**Ami** **G** **Ami**  
and echoed in the wells of silence.  
**Ami** **G**
5. And the people bowed and prayed  
**Ami**  
to the neon god they made  
**F** **C**  
and the sign flashed out its warning  
**F** **C**  
in the words that it was forming and the sign said:  
**F** **C**

"The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls  
**Ami** **G** **Ami**  
and tenament halls" and whisper'd in the sound of silence.