

The Sound of Silence

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- 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.