# The Sound Of Silence

Paul Simon 1964

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**Picking pattern throughout first verse:**

**A|---2---2---2---2-|**

**E|-----2-------2---|**

**C|-4-------4-------|**

**G|-----------------|**

**| 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + |**

**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [Em9] /**

**[Em9]** Hello darkness my old **[D]** friend

**[D]** I've come to talk with you a-**[Em]**gain

**[Em]** Because a vision softly-**/[C]**-y creep-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** Left its seeds while I wa-**/[C]**-as sleep-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** And the

**[C]** Vision, that was **[C5]** planted in my **[G]** brain

Still re-**/[G]**mains **[Em]/**

**[G]** Within the

**[D]** Sound of **[Em9]** silence **[Em]↓**

In restless dreams I walked a-**[D]**lone

**[D]** Narrow streets of cobble-**[Em]**stone

**[Em]** ‘Neath thehalo of a-**/[C]**-astreet-**[G]**lamp**/**

**[G]** I turned my collar to the **/[C]** cold and **[G]** damp**/**

**[G]** When my

**[C]** Eyes were stabbed by the **[C5]** flash of a neon **[G]** light

That split the **/[G]** night **[Em]/**

**[G]** And touched the

**[D]** Sound of **[Em]** silence

**[Em]** And in the naked light I **[D]** saw

**[D]** Ten thousand people maybe **[Em]** more

**[Em]** People talking with-**/[C]**out speak-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** People hearing with-**/[C]**out listen-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** People writing **[C]** songs, that **[C5]** voices never **[G]** shared

And no one **/[G]** dared **[Em]/**

**[G]** Disturb the

**[D]** Sound of **[Em]** silence

**[Em]** “Fools” said I, “You do not **[D]** know

**[D]** Silence like a cancer **[Em]** grows

**[Em]** Hear my words that I mi-**/[C]**-ight teach **[G]** you**/**

**[G]** Take my arms that I mi-**/[C]**-ight reach **[G]** you”**/**

**[G]** But my

**[C]** Words, like **[C5]** silent raindrops **[G]** fell **/[G][Em]** and**/**

**[G]** Echoed, in the **[D]** wells, of **[Em]** silence

**[Em]** And the people bowed and **[D]** prayed

**[D]** To the neon God they **[Em]** made

**[Em]** And the sign flashed out i-**/[C]**-its warn-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** In the words that it wa-**/[C]**as form-**[G]**ing**/**

**[G]** And the sign said “The **[C]** words of the prophets

Are **[C5]** written on the subway **[G]** walls

And tenement **/[G]** halls **[Em]** and**/**

**[G]** Whispered, in the **/[D]** sounds **[D]↓** of**/**

**/ 1 2 3 4 +/**

\***[Em9]** silence **/[Em9][Em]↓ /**

**/ 1 2 3**

**PICKING PATTERN OVER LAST LINE:**

**\*|[Em9] | [Em9]↓**

**A|---2---2---2---2-|---2---2-2**

**E|-----2-------2---|-----2---2**

**C|-4-------4-------|-4-------4**

**G|-----------------|---------0**

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