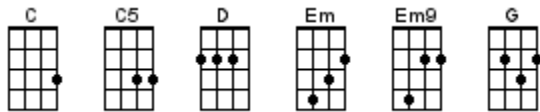


The Sound Of Silence

Paul Simon 1964



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 the halo of a-/[C]-a street-[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
| 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + | 1 + 2 + 3

