

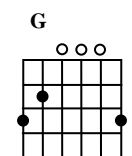
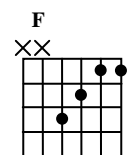
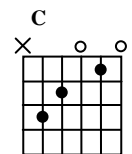
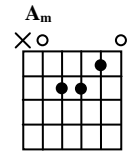
SOUNDS OF SILENCE

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Intro **A_m**

Verse 1

Hello darkness my old friend **G** I've come to talk with you again **A_m**
Because a vision softly creeping **C F C** Left its seed while I was sleeping **F C**
And the vision that was planted in my brain **F C**
Still remains **A_m** Within the sounds of silence **C G A_m**



Verse 2

In restless dreams I walk alone **G** Narrow streets of cobblestone **A_m**
'Neath the halo of a street lamp **C 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 **F C**
That split the night **A_m** And touched the sounds of silence **C G A_m**

Verse 3

And in the naked light I saw **G** Ten thousand people maybe more **A_m**
People talking without speaking **C F C** People hearing without listening **F C**
People writing songs that voices never shared **F C**
And no one dared **A_m** Disturb the sounds of silence **C G A_m**

Verse 4

"Fools!" said I, "you do not know **G** Silence like a cancer grows **A_m**
Hear my words that I might teach you **C F C** Take my arms that I might reach you" **F C**
But my words like silent raindrops fell **F C** **A_m**
And echoed in the wells of silence **C G A_m**

Verse 5

And the people bowed and prayed **G** To the neon gods they made **A_m**
And the sign flashed its warning **C F C** In the words that it was forming **F C**
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls **F C**
And tenement halls" **A_m** And whispered in the sounds of silence **C G A_m**

Outro **Fade out**