

(Paul Simon)

If you are not doing the riff - wait until the *D chord on "friend" to begin strumming

INTRO: RIFF

A --- 2 --- 2 --- 2 --- 2 --- 2
E --- 2 --- 2 --- 2 --- 2 ---
C - 4 - - - - 4 - - - - 4 - - - -
G - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

*D Em
 Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk with you again
 C G
 Because a vision softl- y creeping
 C G
 Left its seeds while I wa-as sleeping
 C G
 And the vision that was planted in my brain
 Em D Em Em/
 Still re- mains (234,1) Within the sound of silence (234)

In restless dreams I walked alone *D*
Narrow streets of cobblestone *Em*
Neath the halo of a street lamp *C G*
I turned my collar to the cold and damp *C G*
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light *C G*
That split the night (234,1) And touched the sound of silence (234) *Em D Em Em/*

And in the naked light I saw *D*
 Ten thousand people maybe more *Em*
 People talking without speaking *C G*
 People hearing without listening *C G*
 People writing songs that voices never share *C G*
 And no one dared (234,1) Disturb the sound of silence (234) *Em D Em Em/*

Fools said I, you do not know *D*
 Silence like a cancer grows *Em*
 Hear my words that I mi-ight teach you *C* *G*
 Take my arms that I mi-ight reach you *C* *G*
 But my words like silent raindrops fell *C* *G* (234,1234)
 And echoed... in the wells of silence *Em* *D* *Em* *Em/* (234)

And the people bowed and prayed *D*
 To the neon god they made *Em*
 And the sign flashed out i-its warning *C* *G*
 In the words that it wa-as forming *C* *G*
 And the sign said the words of the prophets *C*
 Are written on the subway walls and tenement halls *G* *Em* (234)
 And whisper.....'d in the sounds of silence *G* *D/* *RIFF* *Em/gliss*

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 G -