

#117 THE SOUND OF SILENCE 4/4 Key of Em #117
(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
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 C - 4 - - - - - - - - 4 - - - - - - - - 4 - - - -
 G -

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

And in the naked light I saw ^{*D*}
 Ten thousand people maybe ^{*Em*} more
 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 ^{*Em*} *(234,1)* Disturb the sound of silence ^{*D*} ^{*Em*} ^{*Em/*} *(234)*

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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