

Sounds of silence

Paul Simon

capo 5

II: Am **:II**

Hello darkness my old

I G Friend **I G** I've come to talk with you a - gain **I Am** because a vision soft - **I**
I F - ly **C** cree - ping **I C** left it's seed while I was **I F** **C** slee - ping **I C 2/4** and the **I**
I F Vision that was planted in my brain still re - mains **I C** **Am** **I C 2/4** within the **I**
I G Sounds of silence **I Am** in restless dreams I walked a - **I**

I G - lone **I G** narrow streets of cobble stone **I Am** **I Am** neath the halo of **I**
I F A street lamp **C** I turned my collar to the cold and damp **I C** **I F** **C** **I C 2/4** when my **I**
I F Eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light that split the night **I C** **I C** **Am** **I C 2/4** and touched the **I**
I G Sounds of silence **I Am** **I Am** and in the naked light I **I**

I G Saw **I G** ten thousand people maybe more **I Am** **I Am** people talking with - **I**
I F - out **C** **I C** people hearing with - out **I F** **C** **I C** people writing **I**
I F Songs that voices never shared and no one dared **I C** **I C** **Am** **I C 2/4** disturb the **I**
I G Sounds of silence **I Am** **I Am** fools said I you do not **I**

I G Know **I G** silence like a cancer grows **I Am** **I Am** hear my words that I **I**
I F Might teach you **C** **I C** take my arms that I might reach you **I F** **C** **I C 2/4** but my **I**
I F Words like silent raindrops fell **I C** **I C** **Am** **I C** and echoed in the **I**
I G Wells of silence **I Am** **I Am** and the people bowed and **I**

I G Prayed **I G** to the neon gods they made **I Am** **I Am** and the sign flashed out **I**
I F Its war - ning **C** **I C** in the words that it was for - ming **I F** **C** **I C** and the sign said the **I**
I F Words of the prophets are written on the subway walls & tenement halls **I C** **I C** **Am** **I C** and whispered in the **I**
I G Sounds of silence **I Am** **I Am** **II**