



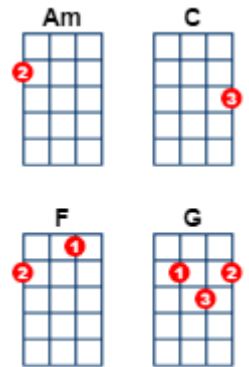
"The Sound of Silence", originally "The Sounds of Silence", is a song by the American music duo Simon & Garfunkel. The song was written by Paul Simon over several months in 1963 and 1964.

Sound of Silence (The)

Simon & Garfunkel 1964

Am Am <Am>

Hello darkness, my old **[G]** friend, I`ve come to talk with you a-**[Am]**gain,
because a **[C]** vision soft**[F]**ly cree-**[C]**ping,
left its seeds while I **[F]** was slee-**[C]**ping,
and the **[F]** vision that was planted in my **[C]** brain, still re-**[Am]**mains, (2,3,4,1)
within the **[G]** sound of **[Am]** silence. **<Am>**



In restless dreams I walked a-**[G]**lone,
narrow streets of cobble-**[Am]**stone.

`Neath the **[C]** halo of **[F]** a street **[C]** lamp,
I turned my collar to the **[F]** cold and **[C]** damp,
when my **[F]** eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon **[C]**
light,
that split the **[Am]** night (2,3,4,1) and touched the **[G]** sound of **[Am]**
silence. **<Am>**

And in the naked light I **[G]** saw, ten thousand people, maybe **[Am]** more,
people **[C]** talking wi-**[F]**thout spea-**[C]**king,
people hearing wi-**[F]**thout **[C]** listening,
people writing **[F]** songs (2,3,4) that voices never **[C]** share,
and no-one **[Am]** dare (2,3,4,1) disturb the **[G]** sounds of **[Am]** silence. **<Am>**

Fools, said I, you do not **[G]** know, silence like a cancer **[Am]** grows,
hear my **[C]** words, that I **[F]** might teach **[C]** you,
take my arms that I **[F]** might reach **[C]** you,
But my **[F]** words (2,3,4) like silent raindrops **[C]** fell (2,3,4) **[Am]** (1,2,3,4)
[Am] and echoed in the **[G]** wells of **[Am]** silence. **<Am>**

And the people bowed and **[G]** prayed (2,3,4,1) to the neon god they`d **[Am]**
made.

And the **[C]** sign flashed **[F]** its war-**[C]**ning,
in the words that it **[F]** was for-**[C]**ming.

And the sign said, the **[F]** words of the prophets are written
on the subway **[C]** walls, (2,3) and tenement **[Am]** halls (2,3,4) **<1,Am>** (2,3,4,1)
Slow down and whispered in the **[G]** sounds (2,3,4,1,2,3) of **[Am]** silence. **<Am>**