

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Em **D** **Em**
HELLO DARKNESS, MY OLD FRIEND, I'VE COME TO TALK WITH YOU AGAIN
Em **C G** **C G**
BECAUSE A VISION SOFTLY CREEPING LEFT ITS' SEEDS WHILE I WAS SLEEPING
C **G** **Em**
AND THE VISION THAT WAS PLANTED IN MY BRAIN STILL REMAINS
G **D** **Em**
WITHIN THE SOUND OF SILENCE.

Em **D** **Em**
IN RESTLESS DREAMS I WALKED ALONE NARROW STREETS OF COBBLE STONE
C G
'NEATH THE HALO OF A STREET LAMP,
G C G
I TURNED MY COLLAR TO THE COLD AND DAMP
C
WHEN MY EYES WERE STABBED BY THE
G **Em**
FLASH OF A NEON LIGHT THAT SPLIT THE NIGHT
C D Em
AND TOUCHED THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Em **D** **Em**
AND IN THE NAKED LIGHT I SAW TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE, MAYBE MORE
G C G **C G**
PEOPLE TALKING WITHOUT SPEAKING, PEOPLE HEARING WITHOUT LISTENING
C **G** **Em**
PEOPLE WRITING SONGS THAT VOICES NEVER SHARE AND NO ONE DARE
G D Em
DISTURB THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Em **D** **Em**
FOOLS, SAID I, YOU DO NOT KNOW, SILENCE LIKE A CANCER GROWS.
Em **C G**
HEAR MY WORDS THAT I MIGHT TEACH YOU,
C G
TAKE MY ARMS THAT I MIGHT REACH YOU
C **G**
BUT MY WORDS LIKE SILENT RAINDROPS FELL,
G D Em
AND ECHOED IN THE WELLS OF SILENCE

Em **D** **Em**
AND THE PEOPLE BOWED AND PRAYED TO THE NEON GOD THEY MADE
Em **C G**
AND THE SIGN FLASHED OUT ITS' WARNING
C G
IN THE WORDS THAT IT WAS FORMING
G C
AND THE SIGNS SAID, "THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS ARE
C G Em
WRITTEN ON THE SUBWAY WALLS AND TENEMENT HALLS,
G D Em
AND WHISPERED IN THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE."