

The Sound of Silence

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Hel - lo dark - ness my old friend,

Hel - lo dark - ness my old friend,

I've come to talk with you a - gain.

Be-cause a vi-sion soft - ly

I've come to talk with you a - gain.

Be-cause a vi-sion soft - ly

creep - ing

left its seeds while I was sleep - ing,

creep - ing

left its seeds while I was sleep - ing,

and the vi - sion

that was plant - ed

in my

and the vi - sion

that was plant - ed

in my

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brain still re - mains with - in the sound of
brain still re - mains with - in the sound of

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si - lence. In rest - less dreams I walked a - lone,
si - lence. In rest - less dreams I walked a - lone,

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nar - row streets of cob - ble - stone, 'neath the ha - lo of a street lamp,
nar - row streets of cob - ble - stone, 'neath the ha - lo of a street lamp,

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I turned my col - lar to the cold and damp when my
I turned my col - lar to the cold and damp when my

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eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne-on light that split the sight
eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne-on light that split the sight

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and touched the sound of si-lence. And in the na-ked light I
and touched the sound of si-lence. And in the na-ked light I

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saw ten thou-sand peo-ple, may-be more. Peo-people talk-ing with-out
saw ten thou-sand peo-ple, may-be more. Peo-people talk-ing with-out

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speak - ing, peo-people hear-ing with-out lis - ten - ing. Peo-people
speak - ing, peo-people hear-ing with-out lis - ten - ing. Peo-people

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writ - ing songs that voi - ces nev - er share and no-one dared

writ - ing songs that voi - ces nev - er share and no-one dared

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dis - turb the sound of si - lence.

"Fools", said I, "you do not

dis - turb the sound of si - lence.

"Fools", said I, "you do not

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know si - lence like a can - cer grows.

Hear my words that I might

know si - lence like a can - cer grows.

Hear my words that I might

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teach you,

take my arms that I might reach you."

teach you,

take my arms that I might reach you."

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But my words like si - lent rain - drops fell
But my words like si - lent rain - drops fell

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and ech - oed in the wells of si - lence.
ech - oed in the wells of si - lence.
ech - oed in the wells

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And the peo-ple bowed and prayed to the ne-on god they
And the peo-ple bowed and prayed

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made. And the sign flashed out its warn - ing
to the ne-on god they made. And the sign flashed out its warn - ing

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In the words that it was form - ing.
And the sign said, "The
In the words that it was form - ing.
And the sign said, "The

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words of the proph-ets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls and ten-e-ment halls", And
words of the proph-ets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls and ten-e-ment halls",

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whis - per'd in the sounds of si - lence.
si - lence.