

The Sound of Silence

Tenor

Words and Music by Paul Simon

8 **A** *mp* Lis-ten to the sound, _____ lis-ten to the sound, _____

8 _____ lis-ten to the sound _____ of *mp* si - lence. _____

13 **B** *p* Hel-lo dark-ness my old *mp* friend, I've come to talk to you a - gain.

17 *mp* Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly cree - ping, *mp* left its seeds while I was slee - ping. —

21 **C** *mf* And the vi-sion _____ that was plant-ed in my brain still re - mains *mp*

26 *p* with-in the sound _____ of si-lence.

32 **D** Moderately Fast (♩ = c. 96) **E** *mf* When my eyes were stabbed _____ by the flash of a ne-on

43 *mp* light _____ that split the night *mp* and touched the sound _____ of si-lence. _____

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48 **F**

And in the na-ked light I saw ten thou-sand peo-ple, may-be more.

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Peo-ple talk-ing with-out ____ speak-ing. ____ peo-ple hear-ing with-out ____ listen-ing. ____

56 **G**

Peo-ple writ-ing songs ____ that voic-es nev-er share, and no one dare

61 **H**

mp dis-turb the sound ____ of si-lence. ____ *mf* si-lence. ____

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"Fools, you do not know, ____ > like a can-cer grows. ____

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____ Hear my words that I might ____ teach you. ____ Take my arms that I might ____

71 **I**

____ reach you." ____ *mf* But my words, ____ like si-lent rain-drops, *mp* fell. ____

76 *rall.* **2** **Slower** (♩ = c. 88)

ech-oed ____ *p* in the wells, ____ of si-lence. ____

83 **J** **Moderately Fast** (♩ = c. 96)

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

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88 *f* And the sign flashed out its _____ warn-ing _____ in the words that it was _____

91 _____ form-ing. _____ And the signs said, "The words of the pro-phets are _____ **K**

94 writ-ten on the sub-way walls, _____ and ten-e-ment halls." *rit.* **Slower** (♩ = c. 88) _____ whis-pered _____

99 **Moderately Slow** (♩ = c. 80) **L** **2** *rit.* *p* in the sounds of si-lence. _____ *mp* Lis-ten to the sound,

106 *mp* *rit.* Lis-ten to the sound *pp* of si-lence. _____ si-lence.

Slower (♩ = c. 69) *rall.*