

The Sound of Silence

Paul Simon

♩ = 100

Dm - Guitars, Bass, Drums

Musical score for the first system of "The Sound of Silence". The score is in 2/4 time and D minor. It includes staves for Guitar, Lead, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The guitar and lead parts are identical, starting with a Dm chord and a melody that begins with a rest. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The bass and drums are marked with rests. The lyrics "Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend, I've come to" are written below the lead staff.

Guit

Lead

Pno

Bass

Drms

f Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend, I've come to

Musical score for the second system of "The Sound of Silence". The score continues from the first system. It includes staves for Guitar, Lead, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The guitar and lead parts continue the melody. The piano part continues its accompaniment. The bass and drums are marked with rests. The lyrics "talk with you a - gain. Be-cause a vi-sion soft - ly creep-ing" are written below the lead staff.

G

Ld

P

B

D

talk with you a - gain. Be-cause a vi-sion soft - ly creep-ing

15

G 

Ld 

P 

B 

D 

22

G 

Ld 

P 

B 

D 

30

G *mf* Dm *ff* Dm C C

Ld of si-lence. *ff* In rest-less dreams I walked a - lone, narrow

P *ff*

B *mf*

D *mf*

38

G Dm Dm B \flat F F

Ld streets of cob-ble stone. 'Neath the ha-lo of a street lamp, I turned my

P

B

D

G 

Ld 

P 

B 

D 

G 

Ld 

P 

B 

D 

61

G

Ld

P

B

D

69

G

Ld

P

B

D

G

B \flat F F B \flat

Ld

list-'ning, peo-ple writ-ing songs that voi-ces ne-ver share.

P

B

D

G

F Dm Dm C Dm

Ld

And no-one dared dis-turb the sound of si-lence.

P

B

D

G

Ld

"Fools," said I, "you do not know si-lence, like a can-cer, grows.

P

B

D

Chords: Dm, C, C, Dm

G

Ld

Hear my words, that I might teach you. Take my arms, that I might reach you."

P

B

D

Chords: Dm, Bb, F, F, Bb

109

G

F F B \flat F

Ld

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

P

B

D

118

G

Dm C Dm Dm

Ld

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

P

B

D

126

G

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

P

B

D

134

G

Ld
 Bb F F Bb F F
 sign flashed out its warn-ing in the words that it was form-ing. And the

P

B

D

G

Ld

P

B

D

sign said, "the words of the prophets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls and ten-e-ment

Bb *Bb* *F* *F*

G

Ld

P

B

D

rit.

f

Dm *F* Dm *F* *C* Dm

halls *f* and whispered in the sounds of si-lence."