

The Sound of Silence

by [Simon & Garfunkel](#)

Difficulty: intermediate

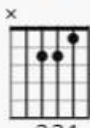


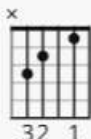
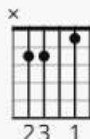
Tuning: [E A D G B E](#)

Key: Ebm






Capo: 6th fret

Chords






Guitar

Am	G	F	C	C/B
 x 231	 21 3	 xx 32	 x 32 1	 x 23 1

Ukulele

Am	G	F	C	C/B
 1	 132	 2 1	 1	 1

Piano

D#m	C#	B	F#	F#/F
				

Strumming

▶ FIRST VERSE (PICKED) 105 bpm

↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

▶ REST OF SONG (MAIN PATTERN) 107 bpm

↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 &

[Verse 1]

Am G
Hello darkness, my old friend,
Am
I've come to talk with you again,
F C
Because a vision softly creeping,
F C
Left its seeds while I was sleeping,
F C
And the vision that was planted in my brain
C/B Am C
Still remains
G Am
Within the sound of silence.

[Verse 2]

G
In restless dreams I walked alone
Am
Narrow streets of cobblestone,
F C
'neath the halo of a street lamp,
F C
I turned my collar to the cold and damp
F C
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
C/B Am C
That split the night
G Am
And touched the sound of silence.

[Verse 3]

G
And in the naked light I saw
Am
Ten thousand people, maybe more.
F C
People talking without speaking,
F C
People hearing without listening,
F C
People writing songs that voices never share
C/B Am C
And no one dare
G Am
Disturb the sound of silence.

[Verse 4]

G

Fools said I, you do not know

Am

Silence like a cancer grows.

F C

Hear my words that I might teach you,

F C

Take my arms that I might reach you.

F C C/B Am

But my words like silent raindrops fell,

C G Am

And echoed in the wells of silence

[Verse 5]

G

And the people bowed and prayed

Am

To the neon God they made.

F C

And the sign flashed out its warning,

F C

In the words that it was forming.

F

And the sign said, the words of the prophets

C

Are written on the subway walls

C/B Am

And tenement halls

C G Am

And whisper'd in the sounds of silence.