

# The Sounds of Silence

Simon & Garfunkel

hello darkness, my old friend

i've come to talk with you again  
because a vision softly creeping  
left its seeds while i was sleeping  
and the vision that was planted in my brain  
still remains, within the sound of silence

## Listen to The Sounds of Silence...

This song was written in the 60's by Simon & Garfunkel, the most important folk-rock duo of those times..

They met when they were kids and they were friends for years. When they grew up, they went to study different careers in different countries. Simon went to England and Garfunkel went to Colombia.

In 1964, they met again in the USA and they recorded their first album: "Wednesday Morning 3 A.M." but it wasn't much of a success.

In 1965, their producer listened to the album again and he realized that "The Sound of Silence", was a great song and after some changes, it reached the n°1 in the lists. .

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It only has an electric guitar and two voices, Simon and Garfunkel's

Simon never wanted to connect their songs with politics.

In most songs, silence represents calm and stillness. However, in this song, it is different.

In this song, silence represents the fear to talk, and the lack of communication distinctive of big cities, where people don't say what they think and only have superfluous conversations, as we can see in this strophe:

**"And in the naked light I saw  
Ten thousand people, maybe more.  
People talking without speaking,  
People hearing without listening,  
People writing songs that voices never share  
And no one dared  
Disturb the sound of silence."**

It is also a metaphor of the city as a neon-god that "silent people" worship. We can see this in the last strophe:

**"And the people bowed and prayed  
To the neon god they made.  
And the sign flashed out its warning  
In the words that it was forming.  
And the sign said,:**

**"The words of the prophets are written on the  
subway walls  
And tenement halls  
And whispered in the sounds of silence."**

You can read  
the complete  
lyrics here.

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