

**Dm** Hello darkness my old **C** friend I've come to talk with you **Dm** again  
**F** Because a vision **Bb** softly creeping **F** Left his seeds while I **Bb** was sleeping **F**  
**Bb** And the vision that was planted in my brain, **F** Still remain **Dm** within the **F** sound of **C** silence. **Dm**

**Dm** In restless dreams I walked alone **C** Narrow streets of cobbled **Dm** stone  
**F** 'Neath the halo of **Bb** a street lamp **F** I turned my collar to the **Bb** cold and damp **F**  
**Bb** When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light, **F** That split the **Dm** night and touched the sound of **C** silence. **Dm**

**Dm** And in the naked light I saw **C** Ten thousand people maybe **Dm** more  
**F** People talking with **Bb** out speaking **F** People hearing with **Bb** out listening **F**  
**Bb** People writing songs that voices never share **F** And no one dare **Dm** disturb the **F** sound of **C** silence. **Dm**

**Dm** Fools said I you do not **C** know Silence like a cancer **Dm** grow  
**F** Hear my words that I **Bb** might teach you **F** Take my arm that I **Bb** might reach you **F**  
**Bb** But my words like silent raindrops **F** fell **Dm** And echoed **F** in the **C** well of **Dm** silence

**Dm** And the people bowed and **C** prayed To the neon god they **Dm** made  
**F** And the sign flashed out its warning **Bb** In the words that it **Bb** was forming **F**  
**Bb** And the sign said The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls And tenement **Dm** halls  
**F** and whispered in the **C** sound of **Dm** silence