Sounds of silence (Paul Simon)

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

Am          G          Am
In restless streams I walked alone through narrow streets of cobblestone.
F           C           F           C
Beneath the halo of a streetlamp, I turned my collar to the cold and damp.
F                                                                  C                   Am
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light, split the night
C                       G        Am
And touched the sound of silence.

Am          G          Am
And in the naked light I saw ten thousand people, maybe more.
F           C           F           C
People talking without speaking; people hearing without listening.
F                                   C                       Am
People writing songs that voices never shared. No-one dared
C                       G        Am
Disturb the sound of silence.

Am          G          Am
"Fools!" said I, "You do not know. Silence like a cancer grows.
F           C           F           C
Hear my words that I might teach you, take my arms that I might reach you."
F                                       C   Am
But my words... like silent raindrops fell,
C                       G        Am
And echoed in the wells of silence.

Am          G          Am
And the people bowed and prayed to the neon God they made.
F           C           F           C
And the sign flashed out its warning in the words that it was forming.
F                                                                           C
And the sign said "That words of the prophets are written on the subway walls
Am
And tenement walls."
C                       G        Am
And whispered in the sounds of silence.