

The Sound of Silence

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♩=120

S
Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound of

A
Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound of

T
8
Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound of

B
Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound Lis-ten to the sound of

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♩=100

si-lence Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend I've come to talk with you a - gain

si-lence Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend I've come to talk with you a - gain

8
si-lence Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend I've come to talk with you a - gain

si-lence Hel-lo dark-ness my old friend I've come to talk with you a - gain

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Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly creep - ing left its seeds while I was sleep - ing

Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly creep - ing left its seeds while I was sleep - ing

8
Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly creep - ing left its seeds while I was sleep - ing

Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly creep - ing left its seeds while I was sleep - ing

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and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my brain still re - mains with - in the

and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my brain still re - mains

8 and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my brain still re - mains

and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my brain still re - mains

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sound of si - lence In rest - less dreams I walked a -

with - in the sound of si - lence In rest - less dreams I walked a -

8 with - in the sound of si - lence a -

with - in the sound of si - lence a -

28

- lone nar - row streets of cob - bled stone 'Neath the ha - lo of a street lamp

- lone nar - row streets of cob - bled stone 'Neath the ha - lo of a street lamp

8 - lone cob - bled stone of a street lamp

- lone cob - bled stone of a street lamp

33

I turned my col-lar to the cold and damp when my eyes were stabbed by the

I turned my col-lar to the cold and damp when my eyes were stabbed by the

⁸ I to the cold damp when my eyes were stabbed by the

I to the cold damp when my eyes were stabbed by the

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flash of a ne-on light that split the night and touched the sound of si-lence.

flash of a ne-on light that split the night and touched the sound of si-lence.

⁸ flash of a ne-on light that split the night and touched the sound of si-lence.

flash of a ne-on light that split the night and touched the sound of si-lence.

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saw may be more

saw may be more

⁸ And in then na-ked light I saw ten thou-sand peo-ple, may be more.

And in then na-ked light I saw ten thou-sand peo-ple, may be more.

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with - out spea-king Peo-ple with - out lis-ten-ing

with - out spea-king Peo-ple with - out lis-ten-ing

8 Peo-ple talk-ing with-out spea-king pep-ple hear-ing with-out lis-ten-ing Peo-ple

Peo-ple talk-ing with-out spea-king pep-ple hear-ing with-out lis-ten-ing Peo-ple

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Oh Oh

Oh Oh

8 writ - ing songs that voic - es ne - ver share and no one dare

writ - ing songs that voic - es ne - ver share and no one dare Dis - turb the

57

Dis - turb the sound si - lence. "Fools" said I, "you do not

Dis - turb the sound si - lence. "Fools" said I, "you do not

8 si - lence.

sound of si - lence.

60

know si-lence, like a can-cer, grows.

know si-lence, like a can-cer, grows.

⁸ "Fools"" said I, "you do like a can-cer, grows.

"Fools"" said I, "you do

like a can-cer, grows.

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

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

⁸ Hear my words that I might teach you. Take my arms that I might reach you" But my

Hear my words that I might teach you.

Take my arms that I might reach you"

But my

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words like si-len rain drops fell in the wells of si-lence

words like si-len rain drops fell in the wells of si-lence

⁸ words like si-len rain drops fell in the wells of si-lence

words like si-len rain drops fell

in the wells of si-lence

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And the peo - ple bowes and prayed to the ne - on god they made

And the peo - ple bowes and prayed to the ne - on god they made

8 And the peo - ple bowes and prayed to the ne - on god they made

And the peo - ple bowes and prayed to the ne - on god they made

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And the sign flashed out its warm - ing in the words that is was for - ming

And the sign flashed out its warm - ing in the words that is was for - ming

8 And the sign flashed out its warm - ing in the words that is was for - ming

And the sign flashed out its warm - ing in the words that is was for - ming

83

And the signs said, "The words of the proph - ets are writ - ten on the sub - way

And the signs said, "The words of the proph - ets are writ - ten on the sub - way

8 And the signs said, "The words of the proph - ets are writ - ten on the sub - way

And the signs said, "The words of the proph - ets are writ - ten on the sub - way

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walls and ten-e-ment halls" And whis-pered in the sounds

walls and ten-e-ment halls" And whis-pered in the sounds in the

walls and ten-e-ment halls" whis-pered

walls and ten-e-ment halls" whis-pered in the sounds

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of si-lence Lis-ten to the sound

sounds of si-lence Lis-ten to the sound

in the sounds of si-lence Lis-ten to the

of si-lence Lis-ten to the sound

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Lis-ten to the sound sound of si-lence

Lis-ten to the sound sound of si-lence

sound Lis-ten to the sound of si-lence

Lis-ten to the sound of si-lence

100

si-lence

si-lence

8
si-lence

si-lence

Detailed description: This image shows a musical score for four staves. The first three staves are in treble clef, and the fourth is in bass clef. All staves are in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. Each staff contains a melodic line consisting of a quarter note followed by an eighth note, with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics 'si-lence' are written below each staff. A small number '8' is positioned below the first staff of the third staff.