

Sounds of Silence (Paul Simon)

Acoustic version from the Wednesday Morning 3AM album.

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Note : This acoustic version can be found on the Wednesday Morning 3AM album.

The part which is transcribed here can also be heard on the electrically-dubbed version featured on the Sounds of Silence album, along with the 12-string guitar part.

The first chords (Amsus2 and G5) contain no third note, then the tone of the song is clear from the 5th bar only, when the tension is released, on the word "again".

Capo 6th fret

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      Amsus2
e- |-----0-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
B- |-----0-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
G- |--2-----2-----2-----2--|--2-----2-----2-----2--|
D- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
A- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
E- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
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Hello Darkness my old

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      G5
e- |-----3-----3-----3-----3--|-----3-----3-----3-----3--|
B- |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----0--|
G- |-----0-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
D- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
A- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
E- |--3-----3-----3-----3--|--3-----3-----3-----3--|
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friend,

I've come to talk with you a-

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      Am              C
e- |-----0-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
B- |-----1-----1-----1-----1--|-----1-----1-----1-----1--|
G- |-----2-----2-----2-----2--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
D- |-----2-----2-----2-----2--|--2-----2-----2-----2--|
A- |--0-----|-----|-----|-----|
E- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
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gain,

Because a vision soft-

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      F              C
e- |-----1-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
B- |-----0-----0-----1-----1--|-----1-----1-----1-----1--|
G- |-----2-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----0-----0--|
D- |--3-----|-----|-----|-----|
A- |-----3-----3-----3-----3--|--3-----3-----3-----3--|
E- |-----|-----|-----|-----|
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ly creeping

left its seeds while I

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      F              C
e- |-----1-----0-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----1-----1--|
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B-|-----0-----1--|-----1-----1--|
G-|-----2-----0----|-----0-----2----|
D-|-----|-----|
A-|-----3-----|--3-----|
E-|--1-----|-----1-----|
   was      sleeping          and the vision

      F                      C
e-|--1-----1-----|----1-----0-----|
B-|-----1-----1--|-----1-----1--|
G-|-----2-----2----|-----2-----0----|
D-|-----|-----|
A-|-----|-----3-----|
E-|--1-----1-----|--1-----|
   that was planted          in my      brain,

      F      C      C/B      Am      C
e-|----0-----0-----|----0-----0-----|
B-|-----|-----1-----|-----1-----1--0--|
G-|-----|-----|-----2-----0-----|
D-|-----3--2-----|-----|
A-|--3-----3-----2--|--0-----3-----|
E-|-----|-----|
   still remains          within the

      G/B      G      Amsus2
e-|----3-----3-----|----0-----0-----0--|
B-|-----0-----0--|-----0-----0-----|
G-|-----0-----0--|--2-----2-----|
D-|-----|-----|
A-|--2-----|-----|
E-|-----3-----|-----|
   Sounds          of      Silence

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Rest of it strummed :

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          G
In restless dreams I walked alone
          Am      C
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
          F  F/E  C  C/B  Am  C
That split the night
          G      Am
And touched the sound of silence.

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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.

"Fools" said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows.
Hear my words that I might teach you,
Take my arms that I might reach you."
But my words like silent raindrops fell,
And echoed
In the wells of silence

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 signs said, The words of the prophets
are written on the subway walls
And tenement halls.
And whisper'd in the sounds of silence.

Outro :

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          Amsus2                      ( backward strum )
e- |-----0-----0-----0-----0--|--0-----|
B- |-----0-----0-----0-----|---0-----|
G- |--2-----2-----|---2-----|
D- |-----|-----2-----|
A- |-----|-----0-----|
E- |-----|-----0-----|
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