The sound of silence

Dmi **C** **Dmi**
1. Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk with you again
Bb F **Bb F**
because a vision softly creeping left it seeds while I was sleeping
F **Dmi F** **C** **Dmi**
and the vision that was planted in my brain still remains within the sound of silence.

Dmi **C** **Dmi**
2. In restless dreams I walked alone narrow streets of cobble-stone
Bb F
Beneath the halo of a street lamp
Bb F
I turned my collar to the cold and damp
Bb **F**
when my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
Dmi F **C** **Dmi**
that spilt the night and touched the sound of silence.

Dmi **C** **Dmi**
3. And in the naked light I saw ten thousand people maybe more,
Bb F **Bb F**
people talking without speaking people hearing without listening
Bb **F** **Dmi F** **C** **Dmi**
people writing songs that voices never share and no one dare disturb the sound of silence.

Dmi **C** **Dmi**
4. "Fools!" said I "you do not know silence like a cancer grows,
Bb F **Bb F**
hear my words that I might teach you take my arms that I might reach you."
Bb **F** **Dmi** **C** **Dmi**
But my words like silent raindrops fell and echoed in the wells of silence.

Dmi **C** **Dmi**
5. And the people bowed and prayed to the neon god they made
Bb F **Bb F**
and the sign flashed out its warning in the words that it was forming
Bb **F**
and the sign said: "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls
Dmi F **C** **Dmi**
and tenament halls" and whisper'd in the sounds of silence.