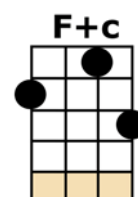
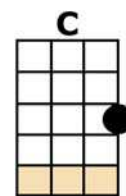
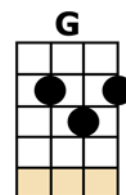
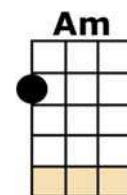


THE SOUND OF SILENCE

[Am] HELLO DARKNESS, MY OLD [G] FRIEND,
I'VE COME TO TALK WITH YOU A-[Am]-GAIN,
BECAUSE A [C] VISION SOFTLY [F+ C] CREEP-[C]-ING,
LEFT ITS SEEDS WHILE I WAS [F+ C] SLEEP-[C]-ING,
AND THE [F] VISION THAT WAS
[F+ C] PLANTED IN MY [C] BRAIN,
STILL REM-[Am]-AINS
[C] WITHIN THE [G] SOUND... OF [Am] SILENCE.



[Am] IN RESTLESS DREAMS I WALKED A-[G]-LONE
NARROW STREETS OF COBBLE-[Am]-STONE,
'NEATH THE [C] HALO OF [F+ C] A STREET [C] LAMP,
I TURNED MY COLLAR TO THE [F+ C] COLD AND [C] DAMP
WHEN MY [F] EYES WERE STABBED BY
THE [F+ C] FLASH OF A NEON [C] LIGHT
THAT SPLIT THE [Am] NIGHT
AND [C] TOUCHED THE [G] SOUND... OF [Am] SILENCE.

[Am] AND IN THE NAKED LIGHT I [G] SAW
TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE, MAYBE [Am] MORE.
PEOPLE [C] TALKING WITH-[F+ C]-OUT SPEA-[C]-KING,
PEOPLE HEARING WITH-[F+ C]-OUT LISTEN-[C]-ING,
PEOPLE WRITING [F] SONGS
THAT [F+ C] VOICES NEVER [C] SHARE
AND NO ONE [Am] DARED
[C] DISTURB THE [G] SOUND... OF [Am] SILENCE.

[Am] "FOOLS," SAID I, "YOU DO NOT [G] KNOW –
SILENCE LIKE A CANCER [Am] GROWS.
HEAR MY [C] WORDS THAT I [F+ C] MIGHT TEACH [C] YOU
TAKE MY ARMS THAT I [F+ C] MIGHT REACH [C] YOU."
BUT MY [F] WORDS LIKE [F+ C] SILENT RAINDROPS [C] FELL
[C]... [Am]...
AND [C] ECHOED IN THE [G] WELLS OF [Am] SILENCE

[Am] AND THE PEOPLE BOWED AND [G] PRAYED
TO THE NEON GOD THEY [Am] MADE.
AND THE [C] SIGN FLASHED OUT [F+ C] ITS WAR-[C]-NING
IN THE WORDS THAT IT [F+ C] WAS FOR-[C]-MING.
AND THE SIGN SAID 'THE [F] WORDS OF THE PROPHETS ARE
[F+ C] WRITTEN ON THE SUBWAY [C] WALLS
AND TENEMENT [Am] HALLS
AND [C] WHISPERED IN THE [G] SOUND OF [Am/] SILENCE'