

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

for TTBB + Piano

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♩ = 80

VERSE 1

TENOR

BASS

PIANO

pp

Hel-lo Dark-ness, my old friend. I've come to talk with you a-

♩ = 80

pp

5

T

B

P

gain. Be-cause a vi-sion soft-ly cree-ping, left its seems while I was

9

T

B

P

slee-ping. And the vi-sion that was plan-ted in my brain

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13

T

8

still re - mains with-in the sound _____ of

B

P

17

VERSE 2

T

8

si lence. *p* In rest less dreams I walked a - lone, nar row streets of cob ble

B

P

mp

21

T

8

stone. 'Neath the ha-lo of a street-lamp I turned my col-lar to the

B

P

25

T 8

cold and damp. *mf* When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne-on light

B

P

mf

29

T 8

p that split the night *pp* and touched the sound of

B

P

p *pp*

33

VERSE 3

T 8

si-lence. And in the na-ked light I saw ten-thou-sand peo-ple may-be

B

P

mf

37

T

8

more.

Peo-ple tai-king with-out

spea-king,

peo-ple hea-ring with-out

B

P

41

T

8

liste-ning.

f Peo-ple wri-ting

songs

that

voi-ces

ne-ver

B

P

45

T

8

shared,

p no one dared

pp dis-turb the

sound

of

B

P

49 VERSE 4

T
8
si-lence. "Fools," said I, "you do not know _____ si-lence like a can cer
mf

B

P
mf

53

T
8
grows." *f* Hear my words that I might teach you. (AND) Take my arm that I might

B

P

57

T
8
reach you. *f* But my words, _____ like si-lent rain drops fell.

B

P
f

61

T *pp* And e-choed, in the wells, of

B

P *mp* *pp*

65

VERSE 5

T si-lence. And the peo-ple bowed and prayed. *ff*

B prayed to the ne-on god they

P *ff*

69

T And the signs flashed out its warning in the words that it was

B made.

P

73

T

B

P

for-ming. And the sign said, "The words of the pro-phets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls,

words are writ-ten ...

77

T

B

P

and te-ne-ment halls" *pp* and whis-pered in the sounds, *ppp* of

Rit..... A TEMPO

81

T

B

P

si - lence.

ppp