The Sound of Silence by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel
9/11/11: Paul Simon sang this at the 10th Anniversary commemoration of 9/11.

[Am] Hello darkness, my old [G] friend, I've come to talk with you [Am] again,
Because a vision softly [F] creep- [C] ing,
Left it's [Am] seeds while I was [F] sleep- [C] ing,
And the [F] vision that was [F/C] planted in my [C] brain

[Am] In restless dreams I walked [G] alone, narrow streets of cobble- [Am] stone,
'Neath the halo of a [F] street [C] lamp, I turned my collar to the [F] 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 touched the [G] sound of [Am] silence.

People talking without [F] speak- [C] ing,
[Am] People hearing without [F] listen- [C] ing,
People writing [F] songs that [F/C] voices never [C] share
And no one [Am] dare, disturb the [G] sound of [Am] silence.

Hear my words that I might [F] teach [C] you,
But my [F] words like [F/C] silent raindrops [C] fell,
And [Am] echoed In the [G] wells of [Am] silence

And the people bowed and [G] prayed, to the neon God they [Am] made.
And the sign flashed out it's [F] warn- [C] ing,
[Am] In the words that it was [F] form- [C] ing.
And the [Am] sign said, the [F] words of the prophets
Are [F/C] written on the subway [C] walls

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This is the song that propelled the 1960s folk music duo Simon & Garfunkel to popularity. It was written in February 1964 by Paul Simon in the aftermath of the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy. [ii]