THE SOUND OF SILENCE
for SATB voices, accompanied*

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Moderately slowly (\( \text{\textit{\textbf{j} = \text{ca.} 80}} \)\)

Performance time: approx. 5:13

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Listen to the sound of silence.

Dm⁹

Hello, darkness, my old friend,

D(no3)

I've come to talk to you again.

Because a vision softly

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
creep-ing left its seeds while I was sleep-ing. And the
vi-sion that was plant-ed in my brain still re-
with-in the sound
with-in the sound
with-in the sound

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
In restless dreams I walked a-sound

of silence.

Moderately fast (d = ca. 96)

The sound of silence—SATB

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narrow streets of cobblestone.

"Neath the halo of a street lamp, I turned a collar to the
cold and damp. When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon
light that split the night and touched the sound of silence.

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
Disturb the sound, dare
disturb the sound of

"Fools!" said I, "You do not know

"Fools, you do not know,

silence, like a cancer, grows.

Hear my words that I might

like a cancer, grows._

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
teach you. Take my arms that I might reach you."

But my

words, like silent raindrops, fell,

Slower ($\downarrow = \text{ca. 88}$)

In the wells and echoed in the wells of

Slower ($\downarrow = \text{ca. 88}$)

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
82 accel. silence.

And the people bowed and

84 Moderately fast ($=\text{ca. 96}$)

82 accel. $D^{(no3)}$ $D^{(no3)}/A$ $D^{(no3)}$

mp cresc.

85 prayed to the neon god they made.

85 $C$ $C^{(sus4)}$ $C$ $C^2$ $C$ $Dm$ $D^{(sus4)}$ $Dm$ $A/D$ $Dm$

88 $f$ And the sign flashed out its warning in the words that it was

88 $F$ $F/E$ $Dm^7$ $F/C$ $Bb$ $F$ $F/E$ $Dm^7$ $F/C$

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
forming.
And the signs said, "The words of the prophets are
written on the subway walls and tenement halls."

Moderately slow

Whispered in the sounds, in the sounds of silence.

Moderately slow

THE SOUND OF SILENCE—SATB
Listen to the sound,

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Smower (\(\times = 69\))

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