Silence Is

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Also uses: An C, D, G

[G] [Am] [D] [G] [Am] [G] [C] [D] [G]

- [D] When you're [G] staring a few inches from the [Am] wall [C] And you're [D] watching simple spider begin its [G] crawl It's just a single thread he spins that' [C] has to break his fall And [G] silence is the [D] slowest dance of [G] all
- [D] From the greenkeeper's 'Good morning' to the [Am] birds (To the birds) [D] To the father at the funeral, stuck for [G] words (Stuck for words) There's a part of us that's confident, then a [C] padded-out two thirds Where [G] silence is the [D] slowest song of [G] all

Chorus:

- [G] Silence is the cancer that [Am] wakes us in the [D] morn
- [G] Turns our every sentence into [Am] weak-kneed and with-[D]drawn

We [G] wish to speak with everyone

But [C] wish we'd not been [D] born

[G] Silence is the deadly dance

The reason spiders [D] take that chance

[G] Spin that web for flies and ants

Silence is the [D] greatest dance of [G] all [C] [D] [G] [C]

- [D] From the [G] noise of New York traffic to Ne-[Am]pal
- [C] From [D] Hindu-Buddhist peace to barroom [G] brawl
- [G] From the CEO of supermarket to the [C] wide boy on the stall
- [G] Silence is the [D] waltz that grabs us [G] all
- [G] From the friendly wave of postie over [Am] hedge (Over hedge)

To the [D] two-fingered sa-[G] lute from brand new reg (Brand new reg)

[D] It could be [G] suicide, or window cleaner [C] standing on that ledge

But [G] silence is the [D] dance that grabs us [G] all

Chorus

- [G] Silence is the mortal knife that [Am] cuts into our [D] throat
- [G] Gets the punchline, slices up, [Am] turns us into the [D] joke

Takes the unco-[C]rrupted, and [G] wraps in vampire's [D] cloak...

- [G] Pacific Heights to Rio slums
- [G] To silence everyone succumbs
- [G] Across the world, the word is mum's
- [G] Silence bangs the loudest drums
- [G] Silence bangs the loudest drums
- [G] Silence bangs the loudest drums
- [G] Silence bangs the loudest drums of [C] all...
- [G] Silence bangs the loudest drums

Chorus

- [Am] The greatest dance of [D] all
- [G] The greatest dance of all
- [C] Greatest dance of [G] all...[D]