

“The Screams in Silence”  
Lyrics by Rena Patel  
Original music and lyrics by Paul Simon

Hello darkness my old friend  
I've been sent to repent again  
Because of voices softly speaking  
Left its seeds while I was sleeping  
And the voices that were planted in my brain  
Still remain  
From the screams in silence

In endless days I sat alone  
Narrow cells of rod and stone  
'Neath the glare of hating eyes  
They turned their backs to the shrieks and cries

And the world had condemned  
The people they wanted well  
Sentenced to hell  
To suffer the screams in silence

And throughout each pris'n I heard

Thousands of felons, maybe more

People living without feeling

People dying without living

People crying out

For someone who won't be there

Gasping for air

Join in the screams in silence

"Fools," said I, "You'll never see

what solitary did to me.

Hear my words that I might teach you.

Take my arms that I might reach you."

Don't let the world ignore

the people they pushed aside

And hid their cries

Trapped with the screams in silence