

Great Silence

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INTRO:

Dm Dm/F Gm Asus A Bb Dm/A Gm7 Dm/F Em7

VERSE 1:

Dm

Great silence reigns on earth this day!

Dm/F Gm Asus

A great loneli—ness embraces all!

Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm

For death has had its ruthless way,

Bb C Dm

And captured the Savior of all.

VERSE 2:

Dm

An ocean of darkness has welled in my chest,

Dm/F Gm Asus

Just like Jonah who ran from the God who had blessed him.

Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm

And into the water I fall with a crash,

Bb C Dm

But I pray for a whale who can save.

INTERLUDE:

Dm Dm/F Gm Asus A Bb Dm/A Gm7 Dm/F Em7

VERSE 3:

Dm

His human body was torn apart,

Dm/F Gm Asus

But His Life and Love now flood the world.

Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm

And pene—trating to its heart,

Bb C Dm

The wars of men to unfurl.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

VERSE 4:

Dm
But Jesus, gone down to the darkest Hell,
Dm/F Gm Asus
Has entered in on Sabbath Rest.
Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm
In which He, in His Father's will
Bb C Dm
Works wonders for all to be blessed.

INTERLUDE:

Dm Dm/F Gm Asus A Bb Dm/A Gm7 Dm/F Em7

VERSE 5:

Dm
The bonds and gates of Hell give way,
Dm/F Gm Asus
A great procession comes to sight.
Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm
Who leads them is Himself, the Way.
Bb C Dm
He is the Truth and the Life.

CHORUS:

F C
And oh, the darkness fades, and oh, the break of day.
Dm7 Bb
And all the prisoners freed, for You have snatched the keys.
F C
And oh, lift up your heads, for we have hope again,
Dm7 Bb
For we have seen great Light. And oh!

VERSE 6:

Dm
Oh may we, Lord, who yet must die,
Dm/F Gm Asus
Who pray awaiting the great Feast
Bb2 Csus Dm/F Gm
Of Your arising from the dead
Bb C (Dm)
Be joined with You in endless peace.