

# The Silence of Good People

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Verse:

It once was asked of Mar-tin Lu-ther King,  
How the pro-gress of rights could be so  
long com-ing, His an-swer was  
not: the ev-il of some, But the  
si-lence of good peo-ple.

Chords: C, Am, G, F, C, Csus4, Am

Chorus:

We  
We will not be si-lent  
We

Chords: C, Am, F, G

It once was asked of Martin Luther King  
 How the progress of rights could be so long coming  
 His answer was not: the evil of some  
 But the silence of good people                      CHORUS

Although we have only hearts, bodies and minds  
 Against guns and clubs, lies and threats and money  
 When the truth is released, each echo comes louder  
 On the voices of good people                      CHORUS

Although we may never arrive in the garden  
 The sin is not in failure, but never starting  
 My silent friend, it is you that I am speaking of  
 Of the silence of good people                      CHORUS

I've taken my place on the streets of our land  
 With my sisters and brothers by the tens of thousands  
 And I have sweet hope, because I can hear  
 The rising voices of good people                      CHORUS

CHORUS: We will not be silent, We will not be silent, We will not be silent