

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, C, Am

Chorus:

We
We will not be si-lent
We

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

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