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Sound of silence by celtic thunder

Loading… There’s nothing like the classics of music. These songs live on in history for a good reason, no matter how long it’s been since they were first written and performed. One of those songs is “The Sound of Silence” by Simon and Garfunkel. First performed in 1964, it’s still a popular song loved for its lilting melody and haunting backing vocals. Now, it’s been covered again, this time by Celtic Thunder. YouTube Screenshot Source: YouTube Screenshot People are amazed by Celtic Thunder’s cover for more than one reason. For one thing, Colm Keegan and Keith Harkin sound eerily like Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Watching them is like traveling in time back to the sixties. The only difference is that Celtic Thunder’s hair is a little less dramatic than Simon and Garfunkel’s. It’s interesting that the song is such a legend. It actually led to the demise of Simon and Garfunkel as a duo. Their album “Wednesday Morning, 3 AM.” which featured “The Sound of Silence” and other songs, was such a failure that the two of them decided to part ways, ending an iconic pairing that had been together since 1956. ABC News Source: ABC News To their surprise, their producer, Tom Wilson, decided to revamp the song without their knowledge. He added electric instruments to the folksy acoustic track, changing its sound and introducing an entirely new feel to the music industry. Immediately, the song became hugely popular, and its success reunited the duo, who would go on to have many more years together. It was Simon who wrote the song over six long months, agonizing over every line. He says that the song’s lyrics were heavily influenced by where he was in his own life at the time: 21 years old, recently graduated from college, and still full of angst. He had a lot of thoughts on the culture of the time, which made their way into the song. “I think about songs that it’s not just what the words say but what the melody says and what the sound says,” said Simon. “My thinking is that if you don’t have the right melody, it really doesn’t matter what you have to say, people don’t hear it. They only are available to hear when the sound entrances and makes people open to the thought.” Indiana Express Source: Indiana Express After the song became a huge hit, Simon had some thoughts about the success of it and what made it so popular. Whether or not the words of the song came from a place of post-teenage angst, there’s no doubt that people all over the world connected strongly with it. “Really the key to ‘The Sound of Silence’ is the simplicity of the melody and the words, which are youthful alienation,” he said. “It’s a young lyric, but not bad for a 21-year-old. It’s not a sophisticated thought, but a thought that I gathered from some college reading material or something. It wasn’t something that I was experiencing at some deep, profound level – nobody’s listening to me, nobody’s listening to anyone – it was a post-adolescent angst, but it had some level of truth to it and it resonated with millions of people. Largely because it had a simple and singable melody.” YouTube Screenshot Source: YouTube Screenshot Fifty years later, Celtic Thunder’s beautiful tribute is a remarkable testament to a song that has touched people throughout the decades. But unsurprisingly, their rendition had an element that the original did not: a Gaelic twist. It makes sense, considering that the band covers traditional Scotch-Irish songs. Celtic Thunder was founded in 2007 with the goal of preserving Celtic music. The all-male singing group frequently sings traditional songs from Ireland and Scotland, and each one of them hails from one of the two countries. Their YouTube channel has amassed more than 173,000 subscribers. YouTube Screenshot Source: YouTube Screenshot Reactions on the video of the 2014 performance of “The Sound of Silence” were glowing, with many people comparing it to the original vocals of Simon and Garfunkel themselves. “I am a big Simon and Garfunkel fan, and these two young men have captured the essence of that duo,” wrote user Cathy Hardman. “Loved this rendition. I’m sure Simon and Garfunkel will be pleased when they hear it.” Nola Source: Nola Both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel continue to be active in the music industry, now in their 70s. Throughout the decades, they have periodically reunited for performances and tours, but they’ve also branched off into solo careers. The two have had enormous success both as a duo and as solo artists. But in the terms of what will live on as their legacy, there is little that can rival 1964’s “The Sound of Silence.” It’s amazing to think that something that was releant 55 years ago can still be so powerful and touching when we listen to it today. Celtic Thunder’s cover was a wonderful tribute to a pair of musicians that forever changed the music industry. Please SHARE this with your friends and family. Source: FaithTap, SongFacts, Simon and Garfunkel Jun 04, 2020 by apost team It can be quite the risk when you decide to cover one of the world's most beloved songs. During a 2014 tour, the Dublin-based band, Celtic Thunder, took a chance with a cover song. The risk paid off big dividends with over five million YouTube views already. The duo of Colm Keegan and Keith Harkin mesmerized listeners with a rendition of the classic Simon and Garfunkel hit, The Sound of Silence. Although the song was originally performed in the 1960s, the lyrics and tune have definitely stood up to the test of time. The audience was delighted when Keegan and Harkin launched into the performance. It was hard to not compare these two to the original Simon and Garfunkel. apost.com Keegan's steady voice is the perfect complement to Harkin's amazing vocals, making the two musicians the perfect pair. It is simply a stunning tribute to this iconic musical duo. Ironically, The Sound of Silence was actually a track on an album that was considered to be a flop. Simon and Garfunkel even parted ways after their debut album did not perform as expected. However, after a little electric music and drum additions to the tracks, the album took off and the two were on their way to becoming stars. How do you compare this cover to others? Let us know and after you have enjoyed the song, be sure to pass it on to all of your friends and family so that they too can take in the beauty of these vocalists. Irish people are known for their musical prowess. Think of The Cranberries, U2, The Pogues, The Corrs. The Boomtown Rats, and The Dubliners even. Perhaps the group known as Celtic Thunder will be said in the same breath as these other internationally famous Irish bands after their stunning performance of Simon & Garfunkel classic “The Sound of Silence”. The song is covered a lot, especially since A Cappella group Pentatonix released a beautiful version a few years ago. But Celtic Thunder brings their own spirit to the classic track and really make it their own. The most covered song in the world is “Yesterday”, originally recorded by The Beatles, but “The Sound of Silence” must be up there. Celtic Thunder manages to put their own spin on the classic track, which is necessary for a song so famous and so commonly covered. The band themselves is made up of five Irish men, although two take centre stage with their guitars and voices. They formed in 2007 and have been showcasing their incredible talent ever since, slowly climbing up the charts and making a name for themselves. Don’t be fooled by the fact they look a bit like a discount Westlife, this group has real talent, and it comes across in this song. Accompanied by a full orchestra, there is no better way to perform such an iconic song, and make it your own. It is almost easy to forget the original Simon & Garfunkel version when you get lost in the Celtic Thunder version! You can tell that their heart and soul is in every note they play and every word they sing. The video has gathered over six and a half million views, and it is clear why. These talented guys are sure to take off soon, so beat your friends to say “I knew them before they were big”. Let us know what you think of this version in the comments below!

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