

Speed of the Sound of Loneliness

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G G C C D D G G

G G C C
You come home late and you come home early
D D G G
You come on big when you're feeling small
G G C C
You come home straight and you come home curly
D D G G
Sometimes you don't come home at all

G G C C
So what in the world's come over you
D D G G
And what in heaven's name have you done
G G C C
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness
D D G G
You're out there running just to be on the run

Well I got a heart that burns with a fever
And I got a worried and a jealous mind
How can a love that'll last forever
Get left so far behind

It's a mighty mean and a dreadful sorrow
It's crossed the evil line today
How can you ask about tomorrow
When we ain't got one word to say