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**Sacred Silence/Paz Sagrada**  
Two-part Choir, Keyboard, Guitar, Assembly

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and  
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## Composer Notes

*Sacred Silence* continues to surprise me in many ways. For years, I have heard it sung and prayed in many different churches and events. Several artists have recorded it, and many more sing it as a part of their ministry repertoire. I have watched more than a few YouTube videos using *Sacred Silence*, and now have the beautiful honor of having it translated into Spanish. The process of the translation has been eye-opening for me. One does not simply choose Spanish words that correspond with the original English lyrics. The Spanish language is unique, beautiful, and different from English in terms of nuance and expression. Accordingly, the song text also needed to be different, yet the effort was made to communicate the same general theme of the original song. I extend my gratitude to OCP composer, artist, and friend Iván Díaz, and the talented Fr. Juan Sosa for the beautiful job they did with the translation. I am equally thankful for the professional work of the OCP music development staff for the pastoral care and sensitivity they provided in the process of bringing *Sacred Silence/Paz Sagrada* to life.

The essence of the song's meaning is this: I need to take time to *be* and to *listen*. In English, *listen* and *silent* even use the same six letters! I need to take time for silence, reflection, and contemplation. When I read or hear the Gospels, it occurs to me that Jesus *didn't talk* much. He listened and was present to people. When he prayed, he often sought solitude. For Jesus, prayer was not just a recitation of words, but an active search for intimacy with God. But silence can scare us—even in church! We think, "Shouldn't someone be doing something or saying something"? But the contemplative way says to us: *You have the right to be silent and not just do something...sit there!* What is the best way to contemplate and maybe even encounter the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Mother, and the saints and angels? Possibly by just being...sitting in silent meditation and waiting.

*Paz sagrada, mar profundo, agua viva, corre sobre mí. Quiero oírte, Santo Espíritu. Ven y háblame.*

—Tom Booth

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Tom Booth and Jenny Pixler  
Acc. by Gus Pappellis

**INTRO** *Prayerfully, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 66)

Chords for the first system: Gmaj7, Cadd9/E, Gmaj7/B, Em7

Chords for the second system: Am7, Dsus2,4, D7, G, Am7, Gadd9/B, D/G

Chords for the third system: Cadd9, D, Em7, Fadd9/A, C/G, Gadd9

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## REFRAIN/VERSES

**Refrain** Sa - cred si - lence, ho - ly o - cean, gen - tle  
**Estribillo** Paz sa - gra - da, mar pro - fun - do, a - gua  
**Verses** 1. God my Fa - ther, Christ my broth - er, Ho - ly  
 2. Ho - ly Ma - ry, gen - tle moth - er, God's pure  
**Estrofas** 1. Pa - dre bue - no, Cris - to her - ma - no, San - to Es -  
 2. Vir - gen San - ta, Ma - dre tier - na, in - ter -

wa - ter, wash - ing o - ver me; help me  
 vi - va co - rre so - bre mí. Quié - ro o -  
 1. Spir - it, sanc - ti - fy - ing me; Lord, I'm  
 2. ves - sel, pray - ing for me; saints and  
 1. pí - ri - tu, san - ti - fi - ca - me. Dios e -  
 2. ce - de, o - ra a Dios por mí. Con los

lis - ten, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 ír - te, San - to Es - pí - ri - tu,  
 1. sor - ry, please for - give me.  
 2. an - gels, all in heav - en,  
 1. ter - no, hoy per - dó - na - me,  
 2. san - tos y los án - ge - les,

Gmaj9/B Cadd9 Gadd9/B Em7  
 Am7 Dsus4 D G Am7 G/B D/G  
 Cadd9 D Emadd9

Come and speak \_\_\_\_\_ to me. (to Verses)  
 ven y há - bla - me. (a las Estrofas)

1. Come and set \_\_\_\_\_ me free. (to Refrain)  
 2. come and be \_\_\_\_\_ with me. (to Refrain)

1. ven, li - bé - ra - me. (al Estribillo)  
 2. ven, pro - té - ge - me. (al Estribillo)

F/A Cadd9 Gadd9

**Final**

Come and be \_\_\_\_\_ with me.  
 Ven, pro - té - ge - me.

**Final**

F/A Cadd9 Gadd9

*rit.*

Come and speak \_\_\_\_\_ to me.  
 Ven y há - bla - me.

Dm7 Cadd9 Gsus2

*rit.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Gmaj7 Cadd9/E Gmaj7/B Em7 Am7 Dsus2,4 D7

(Kbd)

G Am7 Gadd9/B [D/G] Cadd9 D Em7 Fadd9/A C/G Gadd9

## REFRAIN/VERSES

Gmaj9/B Cadd9 Gadd9/B Em7

**Melody**

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 2. Vir - gen San - ta, Ma - dre tier - na, in - ter -

**Harmony**

Am7 Dsus4 D G Am7 G/B [D/G] Cadd9 D

wa - ter, wash - ing o - ver me; help me lis - ten, Ho - ly  
 vi - va co - rre so - bre mí. Quie - ro o - ír - te, San - to Es -

1. Spir - it, sanc - ti - fy - ing me; Lord, I'm sor - ry, please for -  
 2. ves - sel, pray - ing for me; saints and an - gels, all in

1. pí - ri - tu, san - ti - fí - ca - me. Dios e - ter - no, hoy per -  
 2. ce - de, o - ra a Dios por mí. Con los san - tos y los

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# Assembly Edition

## SACRED SILENCE/PAZ SAGRADA

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Refrain Sa-cred si-lence, ho-ly o-cean, gen-tle wa-ter,  
 Estribillo Paz sa-gra-da, mar pro-fun-do, a-gua vi-va  
 Verses 1. God my Fa-ther, Christ my broth-er, Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 2. Ho-ly Ma-ry, gen-tle moth-er, God's pure ves-sel,  
 Estrofas 1. Pa-dre bue-no, Cris-to her-ma-no, San-to Es-pí-ri-tu,  
 2. Vir-gen San-ta, Ma-dre tier-na, in-ter-ce-de,



wash-ing o-ver me; help me lis-ten, Ho-ly  
 co-rre so-bre mí. Quie-ro o-ír-te, San-to Es-  
 1. sanc-ti-fy-ing me; Lord, I'm sor-ry, please for-  
 2. pray-ing for me; saints and an-gels, all in  
 1. san-ti-fí-ca-me. Dios e-ter-no, hoy per-  
 2. o-ra a Dios por mí. Con los san-tos y los



Spir-it. Come and speak to me. (to Verses)  
 pí-ri-tu, ven y há-bla-me. (a las Estrofas)  
 1. give me. Come and set me free. (to Refrain)  
 2. heav-en, come and be with me. (to Refrain)  
 1. dó-na-me, ven, lí-bé-ra-me. (al Estribillo)  
 2. án-ge-les, ven, pro-té-ge-me. (al Estribillo)



Come and be with me. Come and speak to me.  
 Ven, pro-té-ge-me. Ven y há-bla-me.

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