

## Images of Sound

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The sound of silence  
makes the keenest mind listen  
for words of wisdom.

The sound of sleigh bells  
ringing on a winter's eve  
with white snow crunching.

Little kids playing  
making angels in the snow  
shrieking with delight.

Winter snow crumbling  
under cobbled, squeaking boots.  
Breezes turn to gales.

Ten below zero  
icicles greet the new dawn  
tinkling in the wind.

A pastoral scene.  
White-faced cattle are lowing  
with calves by their side.

Train whistles at night  
clackety-clacking of rails  
muffled by the fog.

The crack of a bat  
runners dashing for bases  
sliding into home.

A robin's sweet cry  
pulling worms from the fresh earth  
to feed mouths agape.

A coyote's howling  
under the full silver moon  
with hares on the run.

The sound of silence.  
A gift we can all embrace  
if we just listen.