

# SPEED OF THE SOUND OF LONELINESS

(JOHN PRINE)

**WISTFUL FOLK**

**KEY: C**

**CAPO AT THE 5TH FRET**

**INTRO:**

**G C D/F# G**  
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**G C**  
You come home late and you come home early

**D/F# G**  
You come on big when you're feelin' small

**G C**  
You come home straight and you come home curly

**D/F# G**  
Sometimes you don't come home at all

**G C**  
(So) What in the world's come over you?

**D/F# G**  
What in heaven's name have you done?

**(G) C**  
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness

**D/F# G**  
You're out there runnin' just to be on the run

**G** **C**  
Well, I got a heart that burns with a fever

**D/F#** **G**  
And I got a worried and a jealous mind

**(G)** **C**  
How can a love that will last for-ever

**D/F#** **G**  
Get left so far be-hind?

**G** **C**  
(So) What in the world's come over you?

**D/F#** **G**  
What in heaven's name have you done?

**(G)** **C**  
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness

**D/F#** **G**  
You're out there runnin' just to be on the run

**SOLO(S):**

**G** **C** **D/F#** **G**  
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**G** **C** **D/F#** **G**  
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**G** **C**  
It's a mighty mean and a dreadful sorrow

**D/F#** **G**  
It's crossed the evil line to-day

**(G)** **C**  
How can you ask about to-morrow

**D/F#** **G**  
When we ain't got one word to say?

**(LAST CHORUS - 2X!)**

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(So) What in the world's come over you?

**D/F#** **G**  
What in heaven's name have you done?

**(G)** **C**  
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness

**D/F#** **G**  
You're out there runnin' just to be on the run

**(TAG ENDING)**

**(G)** **C**  
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness

**D/F#** (RITARD).....**G** (HOLD CHORD)  
You're out there runnin' just to be on the run