Silent Partner

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Background voices calling from a distance
Static on the line of least resistance
Don't say nothing at all
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Don't say nothing at allI'm hanging on a wire, waitin' on the word
I'm never seen, you're never heard
The object of desire is seldom ever clear
I reach for you but all I hearAre the background voices calling from a distance
Silent partners, listen to the hushA lover without words is easily deceived
And rumors easily believed
The matter of obsession is seldom ever clear
I turn around, you disappearIn background voices calling from a distance
Silent partners, listen to the hush
Silent partners, you know they don't say nothing at allWhat about the things we never mention?
What about the things we never say?
Will we wind up targets of affection?
Turning silent, the silent turn awayA paramour or less, is never really sure
Exactly what to listen for
In secret service to the things they never say
The silent partners fade awayTo background voices, calling from a distance
Silent partners, listen to the hush
Silent partners, you know they don't say nothing at all

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