

# The Boxer (Simon & Garfunkel)

## Intro

C

## Vers 1

C C/B Am  
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told  
G  
I have squandered my resistance  
G7 G6 C  
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises  
C/B Am G F  
All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear  
C G F G C  
And disregards the rest  
C C/B Am  
When I left my home and family I was no more than a boy  
G  
In the company of strangers  
G7 G6 C  
In the quiet of a railway station running scared  
C/B Am G F C  
Laying low seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go  
G F G C  
Looking for the places only they would know

## Refrain

Am Em  
Lie-la-lie / Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie  
Am G C  
Lie la lie / Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

## Verse 2

C C/B Am  
Asking only workmans wages I come looking for a job  
G  
But I get no offers  
G7 G6 C  
Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue  
C/B Am G F  
C  
I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort  
there  
G C  
La-la-la-la-la-la-la

### Refrain

Lie-la-lie / Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie  
Lie la lie / Lie-la la la la la lie la la la lie

### Verse 3

Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone  
Going home where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me  
Leading me-e Going home  
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade  
And he carries the reminders  
Of ev'ry glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out  
In his anger and his shame  
"I am leaving, I am leaving." but the fighter still remains  
Hm, hm, hm

### Refrain

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