

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-lie 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 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

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