

The Boxer

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Simon & Garfunkel

Verse 1(guitar):

C **C/H** **Am**
I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told
G
I have squandered my resistance
G7 **C**
For a pocket full of mumbles, such are promises
C/H **Am** **G** **Fmaj7**
All lies and jests, still a man hears what he wants to hear
C **G** **G7** **C**
And disregards the rest hmhmhm hmhmhmhm

Verse 2:

C **C/H** **Am**
When I left my home and my family, I was no more than a boy
G
In the company of strangers
G7 **C**
In the quiet of the railway station, running scared
C/H **Am** **G** **Fmaj7**
Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters
C
Where the ragged people go
G **Fmaj7** **C**
Looking for the places only they would know

Hook:

Am **Em**
Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie
Am **G** **C**
Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie, la la la la lie

Verse 3:

C
 Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job
G
 But I get no offers
G7 C
 Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh' Avenue
C/H Am G Fmaj7
 I do declare, there were times when I was so lonesome
C G G7C
 I took some comfort there, la la la la la

Solo:

C C C/H Am G G7 C
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 B|-----8-----8---6---5---8-----8---|
 G|---9-----7---9---7-----|
 D|-----10-----|
 A|-----|
 E|-----|

C C/H Am G Fmaj7 C G Fmaj7 C
 e|-----|
 B|-----8-----10-----8-----|
 G|---9-----9-----10-----9---7---5-----|
 D|-----|
 A|-----|
 E|-----|

Hook:

Am Em
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie
Am G C
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie, la la la la lie

Verse 4:

C C/H Am
 Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone

G G7 C
 Going home, where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me
Em Am
 Leading me
G G7
 Going home

Verse 5:

C C/H Am
 In the clearing stands the boxer and a fighter by his trade
G G7
 And he carries a reminder of every glove that laid him down
C C/H Am
 Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame
G Fmaj7
 I am leaving, I am leaving
C G Fmaj7 C
 But the fighter still remains, hmhmhmhm

Hook:

Am Em
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie
Am G
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am Em
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am G
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am Em
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am G
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am Em
 La la la la lie, lie la la la la la lie
Am G C
 Lie la lie, lie la la la la la lie, la la la la lie