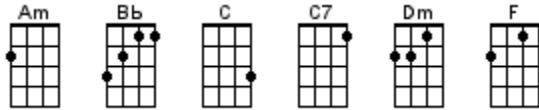


The Boxer

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel 1969



INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C] / [C] /

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

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

Lie la [Am] lie [Am]
Lie la [Em] lie, la la la-lie
Lie la [Am] lie [Am]
Lie la [G7] lie, la la la-lie, la-la-la-la [C] lie [C] / [C] / [C]

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

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Then I'm [C] laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was [Am] gone
Going [G] home [G]
Where the [G7] New York City winters aren't [C] bleeding me [C] / [Em]
Bleeding [Em] me-[Am]ee-[Am]ee
Going [G] home [G] / [G] / [C] / [C]

In the [C] clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his [Am] trade
And he [G] carries the reminders
Of [G7] every glove that laid him down or [C] cut him till he cried out
In his [C] anger and his [Am] shame
I am [G] leaving I am [F] leaving
But the [F] fighter still re-[C]mains mm-[G7]mm [F] / [C] / [C]

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