

THE BOXER by Paul Simon

C C C/ G/B/ Am
I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told
G G6
I have squandered my resistance
G7 G6 C C C
For a pocket full of mumbles, such are promises
Am G F
All lies and jest, still a man hears what he wants to hear
F C G G G7/ G6/ C C
And disregards the rest

C C C/ G/B/ Am
When I left my home and my family, I was no more than a boy
G G6
In the company of strangers
G7 G6 C C
In the quiet of a railway station, running scared
Am G F
Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters
F C
Where the ragged people go
G G7/ G6/ C C
Looking for the places only they would know
Am Am G G Am Am
Lie-la-lie, Lie-la-lie la lie-la-lie lie-la-lie,
F G C | | |
Lie-la-lie la la la Lie la la la lie.

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

C C C/ G/B/ Am
Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone
G G G7 G6 C C
Going home where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me
Em Am Am G G7/ G6/ C C
Leading me, going home.

C C C Am
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade
G G G7 G6
And he carries a reminder ov ev'ry glove that laid him down
C C C Am
Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame
G F F C
I am leaving, I am leaving but the fighter still remains
G G G7/ G6 / C C C C
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