

THE BOXER Simon and Garfunkel

C
I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told **Am**

G **G7** **C**
I have squandered my resistance For a pocket full of mumbles, such are promises

Am **G** **F** **C**
All lies and jests, still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest

C **G7** **C**
hmmmmmmmmmmmm

C **Am**
When I left my home and my family, I was no more than a boy

G **G7** **C**
In the company of strangers In the quiet of a railway station, running scared

Am **G** **F** **C**
Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters Where the ragged people go

G7 **F** **C**
Looking for the places only they would know

Am **Em** **Am** **G7** **C**
Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie lie lie lie lie lie

C **Am**
Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job

G **G7** **C**
But I get no offers Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue

Am **G** **F** **C**
I do declare, there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there

G7 **C**
Lie la lie Lie la lie

Am **Em** **Am** **G7** **C**
Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie la lie Lie lie lie lie lie lie

C **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** **G** **C**
bleeding me, going home.

C **Am**
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade

G **G7**
And he carries a reminder of ev'ry glove that laid him down

C **Am**
Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame

G **F** **C** **G7** **F** **C**
I am leaving, I am leaving But the fighter still remains hmmmmmmmmmmmm

Am **Em** **Am** **G7** **C**
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