

# The Boxer - Simon & Garfunkel (♩ = 93)

| C | C C<sub>H</sub> Am Am |  
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told

| G |  
I have squandered my resistance

| G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>6</sup> | C |  
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises

| C C<sub>H</sub> Am  $\frac{2}{4}$  | G | F |  
All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear

$\frac{2}{4}$  | C | G F G | C |  
And disregards the rest

C C<sub>H</sub> Am  
When I left my home and family I was no more than a boy

G  
In the company of strangers

G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>6</sup> C  
In the quiet of a railway station running scared

C<sub>H</sub> 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

Am Em  
Lie-la-lie, Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie

Am G C  
Lie-la-lie, Lie-la-Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

C C<sub>H</sub> Am  
Asking only workmans wages I come looking for a job

G  
But I get no offers

G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>6</sup> C  
Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue

C<sub>H</sub> 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

Am Em  
Lie-la-lie, Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie

Am G C  
Lie-la-lie, Lie-la-Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

C CH Am  
Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone  
G G7 G6 | C |  
Going home where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me  
| Em | Am | G 2/4 | G | C |  
Leading me-e Going home

C CH Am  
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade  
G  
And he carries the reminders  
G7 G6 C  
Of ev'ry glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out  
CH Am  
In his anger and his shame  
G F C G F G C  
I am leaving, I am leaving. but the fighter still remains, hm hm hm

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Extra verse in live versions

C C/B Am  
Now the years are rolling by me, they are rocking evenly  
G  
And I am older than I once was  
G7 G6 C  
And younger than I'll be, that's not unusual  
C/B Am G F C  
No, it isn't strange, after changes upon changes we are more or less the same  
G F C  
After changes we are more or less the same

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