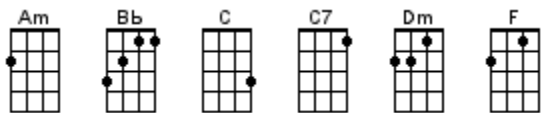


# The Boxer

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel 1969



**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [F] / [F] /**

[F] I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom [Dm] told  
I have [C] squandered my resistance  
For a [C7] pocket full of mumbles such are [F] promises [F]  
[F] All lies and [Dm] jests, still a [C] man hears what he [Bb] wants to hear  
And [Bb] disregards the [F] rest, mm-mm-  
[C7] mm mm-mm-[C7]mm mm-mm [F] mm [F]

When I [F] left my home and my family I was no more than a [Dm] boy  
In the [C] company of strangers  
In the [C7] quiet of the railway station [F] running scared [F]  
[F] Laying [Dm] low, seeking [C] out the poorer [Bb] quarters  
Where the [Bb] ragged people [F] go  
Looking [C7] for the places [Bb] only they would [F] know [F]

Lie la [Dm] lie [Dm]  
Lie la [Am] lie, la la la-lie  
Lie la [Dm] lie [Dm]  
Lie la [C7] lie, la la la-lie, la-la-la-la [F] lie [F] / [F] / [F]

Asking [F] only workman's wages I come looking for a [Dm] job  
But I get no [C] offers [C]  
Just a [C7] come-on from the whores on Seventh [F] Avenue [F]  
[F] I do de-[Dm]clare, there were [C] times when I was [Bb] so lonesome  
I [Bb] took some comfort [F] there, la-la [C7] la-la-la-la [C7] la [C7] / [F] / [F]

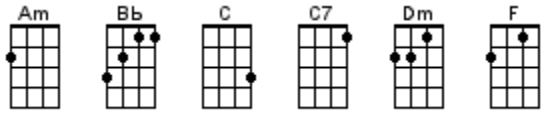
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Lie la [C7] lie, la la la-lie, la-la-la-la-[F]lie [F] / [F] / [F]

Then I'm [F] laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was [Dm] gone  
Going [C] home [C]  
Where the [C7] New York City winters aren't [F] bleeding me [F] / [Am]  
Bleeding [Am] me-[Dm]ee-[Dm]ee  
Going [C] home [C] / [C] / [F] / [F]

In the [F] clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his [Dm] trade  
And he [C] carries the reminders  
Of [C7] every glove that laid him down or [F] cut him till he cried out  
In his [F] anger and his [Dm] shame  
I am [C] leaving I am [Bb] leaving  
But the [Bb] fighter still re-[F]mains mm-[C7]mm [Bb] / [F] / [F]

Lie la **[Dm]** lie **[Dm]**  
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Lie la **[Dm]** lie **[Dm]**  
Lie la **[C7]** lie, la la la-lie, la-la-la-la-**[Dm]**lie **[Dm]**

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Lie la **[C7]** lie, la la la-lie, la-la-la-la-**[F]**↓lie



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