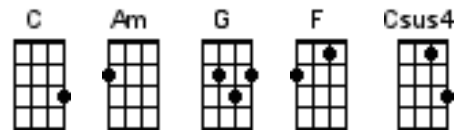


The Boxer. 1969. Words and Music by Paul Simon. Simon and Garfunkel.



4/4 time. Count in 1, 2, 1 2 3 4. Intro [C] [C]

[C] I am just a [C] poor boy, though my [C] story's seldom [Am] told. I have [G] squandered my re-[G]-sistance for a [F] pocket full of [G] mumbles such are [C] promises [C]. [C] _ All lies and [Am] jest, still a [G] man hears what he [F] wants to hear and [F] disregards the [C] rest mm-mm [G] mm-mm [G] mm-mm [F/] m-m [G/] m-m [C] mm-mm

[C] _ _ _ When I [C] left my home and my [C] family I was [C] no more than a [Am] boy in the [G] company of [G] strangers in the [Dm7] quiet of the [C] railway station, [C] running scared [C]. [C] _ _ Laying [Am] low, seeking [C] out the poorer [F] quarters where the [F] ragged people [F] go looking [G] for the places [F/] only [Em] they [Dm] would [C] know.

[C] _ _ Lie la [Am] lie, (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [G] lie lie lie lie [G] lie. Lie la [Am] lie (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [F] lie lie lie lie [G] lie la la la la [C] lie [C] [C]

[C] _ _ _ Asking [C] only workman's [C] wages I come [C] looking for a [Am] job but I get no [G] offers, [G] _ _ _ just a [Dm7] come-on from the [C] whores on Seventh [C] Avenue [C]. [C] _ I do de-[Am]-clare, there were [G] times that I was [F] so lonesome I [F] took some comfort [C] there. Mm-mm [G] mm-mm [G] mm-mm [F/] m-m [G/] m-m [C] mm-mm

[C] _ _ _ Then I'm [C] laying out my [C/] winter clothes [G7] and [C] wishing I was [Am] gone, going [G] home, [G] _ _ _ where the [Dm7/] New York [G/] city [G] winters aren't [C] bleeding me [C] [C] _ _ leading [Em] me, [Am] [Am] _ _ going [G] home [G] [C] mm-mm

[C] _ _ _ In the [C] clearing stands a [C] boxer and a [C] fighter by his [Am] trade and he [G] carries the re-[G]-minders of [F] ev'ry blow that [G] laid him down or [C] cut him till he [C] 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-mm [G] mm-mm [G] mm-mm [F/] mm-mm [G/] mm-mm [C] mm-mm

[C] _ _ Lie la [Am] lie, _ _ (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [G] lie lie lie lie [G] lie. Lie la [Am] lie _ _ (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [F] lie lie lie lie [G] lie la la la la [C] lie [C] _ _ Lie la [Am] lie, _ _ (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [G] lie lie lie lie [G] lie. Lie la [Am] lie + _ (tssshhh), [Am] _ _ lie la [F] lie lie lie lie [G] lie la la la la

Slowing

[C/] lie [F/] [C~]