

# THE BOXER – Paul Simon 19/04/18

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INTRO: 4 bars on C

Suggested beat: 1 2 & 3 & 4 &  
D D U D U D U

C Am  
I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told.  
G F C  
I have squandered my resistance for a pocketful of mumbles such are promises.  
Am G F C,G, F// G//,C,C  
All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest. (hum)  
C Am  
When I left my home and my family I was no more than a boy  
G F C  
In the company of strangers in the quiet of the railway station runnin' scared.  
Am G F C  
Laying low seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go  
G F G C C  
Lookin' for the places only they would know.

## CHORUS

Am G Am F G C (Am)  
Lie-la-lie Lie-la-lie la lie-la-lie Lie la lie Lie-la-lie la la la la lie la la la lie

*Am is the transition chord for the C, when repeating the chorus at end of song.*

C Am  
Asking only workman's wages I come lookin' for a job  
G F 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  
G F// G// C C  
Ooh la la la la la

*Chorus then . . . .*

C Am G  
Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone goin' home  
F C Em Am G, F// G// C, C  
Where the New York City winters aren't bleedin' me, leadin' m-----e goin' home.

C Am  
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade  
G F  
And he carries the reminders, of every glove that laid him down  
C Am  
Or cut him 'til he cried out in his anger and his shame,  
G F C G, F// G//, C, C,  
"I am leaving I am leaving but the fighter still remains

*Chorus x 3 fading towards end of 3<sup>rd</sup> chorus – finish on C/.*