

THE BOXER – Simon & Garfunkel (C)

(from "Old Friends")

CHORDS: C=x32o1o Am=xo221o G=320oo3 G7=320oo1

G6=320ooo F=xx3211 Em=o22ooo

INTRO: C Am G C

C Am
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told
G
I have squandered my resistance...
G7 G6 C
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises
Am G F C G F-G-C
All lies and jest..still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest

C Am
When I left my home and family, I was no more than a boy
G
In the company of strangers
G7 G6 C
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
G F - G - C
Looking for the places only they would know

Am Em
CHORUS: Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
Am G C
Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie..La-la-la-la..Lie

C Am
Asking only workman's wages, I come looking for a job
G
But I get no offers
G7 G6 C
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 C
La-la-la-la-la-la-la

BREAK: C Am G G C Am G F C G F C

CHORUS: Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
 Lie la lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La la lie
 Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
 Lie la lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie..La-la-la-la-lie

Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone
 Going home...
 where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me
 Leading me-e.....to go home

In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade
 And he carries the reminders
 Of every glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out
 In his anger and his shame
 "I am leaving, I am leaving." but the fighter still remains
 Still remains...

ENDING CHORUS: Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
 Lie la lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La la lie
 Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
 Lie la lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La la lie
 Lie-la-lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie
 Lie la lie.....Lie-la-la-la..La-la-lie..La-la-la-la-lie