

The Boxer Official by Simon & Garfunkel



[Intro]

A

[Verse 1]

A

I am just a poor boy

A/Ab F#m

Though my story's seldom told

E

I have squandered my resistance

A

For a pocketful of mumbles, such are promises

F#m

All lies and jest

E

D

Still a man hears what he wants to hear

A

And disregards the rest

[Verse 2]

A

When I left my home and my family

A/Ab F#m

I was no more than a boy

E

In the company of strangers

In the quiet of the railway station

A

Running scared,

F#m

E

D

Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters

A

Where the ragged people go

E

Looking for the places

D

A

Only they would know

Lie la lie,

[Chorus 1]

F#m

C#m

lie la lala lie lie

F#m

E

Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie la la lie la

A

la la la

[Verse 3]

A

Asking only workman's wages

A/Ab

F#m

I come looking for a job

E

But I get no offers

Just a comeon from the whores

A

On Seventh Avenue

F#m

I do declare

E

D

There were times when I was so lonesome

A

I took some comfort there, le le le le le le le
le

[Interlude]

A F#m E A

F#m E D A

E A

Lie la lie,

[Chorus 2]

F#m

C#m

lie la lala lie lie

F#m

E

Lie la lie, lie la la la la lie la la le la la

A

la la la la

[Verse 4]

A

Then I'm laying out my winter clothes

And wishing I was gone

E

Going home

Where the New York City winters

A

Aren't bleeding me

C#m

F#m

Leading me

E

Going home

[Verse 5]

A

In the clearing stands a boxer

A/Ab

F#m

And a fighter by his trade

E

And he carries the reminders
Of every glove that laid him down

A

Or cut him till he cried out

F#m

In his anger and his shame

E

D

"I am leaving, I am leaving"

A

E D A

But the fighter still remains, mmm mmm

[Chorus]

F#m

C#m **F#m**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie

E **F#m**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la

C#m

lie

F#m

lie la la la lie la lie

E

F#m

Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la

C#m

lie

F#m

lie la la la lie la lie

E

F#m

Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la

C#m

lie

F#m

lie la la la lie la lie

E

F#m

Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la

C#m

lie

F#m

lie la la la lie la lie

E **F#m**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la
C#m
lie

F#m
lie la la la lie la lie

E **F#m**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la
C#m
lie

F#m
lie la la la lie la lie

E **F#m**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la la la la
C#m
lie

F#m
lie la la la lie la lie

E **A**
Lie la lie, lie la la la lie la lie la

[Outro]

F#m E A F#m

E D A E

D A