

THE BOXER [Simon & Garfunkel - The Boxer \(Audio\)](#)

ORIG IN B – A CAPO 2

**V1 I am just a poor boy Though my story's seldom told
I have squandered my resistance
For a pocketful of mumbles Such are promises
All lies and jest Still, a man hears what he wants to hear
And disregards the rest**

**V2 When I left my home and my family I was no more than a boy
In the company of strangers
In the quiet of a railway station Running scared
Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters
Where the ragged people go
Looking for the places only they would know**

Lie-la-lie...

**V3 Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job But I get no
offers
Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue
I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome
I took some comfort there**

INSTR as for verse

Lie-la-lie...

**V4 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 Going home**

**V5 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 'til he cried out In his anger and his shame
"I am leaving, I am leaving" But the fighter still remains**

Lie-la-lie...