

#31 THE BOXER 4/4 KEY OF C
(Paul Simon)

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INTRO: C //// ////

C I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told **Am**
G I have squandered my resistance
F For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises **C** (4,1234,1)
Am All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear **G** **F**
C And disregards the rest hm hm hm hm-hm hm-hm (34) **G**
F Hm hm-hm hm... (234,1234,1234,123) **G** **C**

C When I left my home and family I was no more than a boy **Am**
G In the company of strangers
F In the quiet of a railway station running scared (4,1234,12) **C**
Am Laying low seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go **G** **F** **C**
G Looking for the places only they would know (234,12) **F** **G** **C**

Am Lie la-lie (Boom) **G** Lie la-lie la lie la lie
Am Lie la-lie (Boom) **G** Lie la-lie la lie la lie la la la-la lie (234,1234,1234,12) **C**

C Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job **Am**
G But I get no offers (34,123)
F Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue (4,1234,1) **C**
Am I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there **G** **F** **C**
G La-la-la la la-la la (234) // // (1234,12) **F** **G** **C**

^{Am} Lie la-lie (**Boom**) ^G Lie la-lie la lie la lie
^{Am} Lie la-lie (**Boom**) ^G Lie la-lie la lie la lie ^C la la la-la lie (**234,1234,1234,123**)

^C Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone ^{Am}
^G Going home (**234,123**) where the ^F New York City winters aren't ^C bleeding me (**4,1234,12**)
^G Leading me..ee (**234,12**) ^{Am} Going home (**234,1234**) ^F // ^G // ^C (**1234,1234,1234,123**)

^C In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade ^{Am}
^G And he carries the reminders
^F Of ev'ry glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out ^C
^{Am} In his anger and his shame
^G "I am leaving, I am leaving." ^F but the fighter still remains ^C
^G Do do do (**234,1234**) ^F // ^G // ^C (**1234,12**)

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