

The Boxer (F) (1-24-18)

Simon & Garfunkel

Pause only where indicated *sp=short pause, lp=longer pause*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3LFML_pxIY (But in B)

[F] I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom [Dm] told
I have [C] squandered my resistance
For a [C7] pocket full of mumbles such are [F] promises
All lies and [Dm] jests still a [C] man hears what he [Bb] wants to hear
And disregards the [F] rest Hm[C7]mmmm[Bb] [F] (*sp*)

When I [F] left my home and my family I was no more than a [Dm] boy
In the [C] company of strangers
In the quiet of the railway station [F] running scared
Laying [Dm] low seeking [C] out the poorer [Bb] quarters
Where the ragged people [F] go
Looking [C] for the places [Bb] only they would [F] know

Lie la [Dm] lie
Lie la [C] lie la lie lie lie
Lie la [Dm] lie
Lie la [C] lie la la la la[Bb] la la la la [F] lie (*lp*)

[F] Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a [Dm] job
But I get no [C] offers,
Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh [F] Avenue
[F] I do de[Dm]clare there were [C] times when I was [Bb] so
lonesome I took some comfort [F] there
ooo-la-la [C] la la la la [F]

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[F] Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was [Dm] gone
Going [C] home, where the New York City winters aren't [F] bleeding me (*sp*)
Bleeding me [Dm] going [C] home (*lp*)

In the [F] clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his [Dm] trade
And he [C] carries the reminders
Of [C7] ev'ry glove that laid him down or [F] cut him till he cried out
In his anger and his [Dm] shame I am [C] leaving I am [Bb] leaving
But the fighter still re[F]mains mmm[C]mmmm [Bb] [F]

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