

The Boxer

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Intro: [C] ///|////|////|////|

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

When I [C] left my home and my family I was no more than a [Am] boy,
In the [G] company of strangers,
In the [G7] quiet of the [G] railway station, [C] running scared [C]
[C] .. Laying [Am] low, seeking [G] out the poorer [F] quarters, where the ragged people [C] go
Looking [G] for the places [F] only they would [C] know [C]

Lie-la-[Am]-ie ... Lie-la-[Em]-lie la lie-la-lie
Lie-la-[Am]-ie ... Lie-la-[G]-lie la la-la-la [F] lie la la-la-la [C] lie [C] [C] [C]

Asking [C] only workman's wages I come looking for a [Am] job, but I get no [G] offers, [G]
Just a [G7] come-on from the [G] whores on Seventh [C] Avenue [C]
[C] .. I do de-[Am]-clare there were [G] times when I was [F] so lonesome,
I took some comfort [C] there, ooo-la-la [G] la-la la la [G] la [G] [C] [C]

[C] [C] [C] [Am] [G] [G] [G7] [G7]
[C] [C] [C] [Am] [G] [F] [F] [C]
[G] [F] [C] [C]

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And I'm [C] laying out my winter clothes, and wishing I was [Am] gone, going [G] home [G]
Where the [G7] New York City [G] winters are-n't [C] bleeding me, [C]
[Em] Leading [Em] mee-[Am]-eee [Am] going [G] home [G] [G] [C] [C] [C] [C]

In the [C] clearing stands a boxer, and a fighter by his [Am] trade,
And he [G] carries the reminders, of [G7] every glove that [G] laid him down,
Or [C] cut him 'til he cried out in his anger and his [Am] shame,
"I am [G] leaving, I am [F] leaving."
But the fighter still re-[C]-mains [G] [F] [C] [C]

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[C] [C] [Am] [G] [G] [G7] [G7]
[C] [C] [C] [Am] [G] [F] [F] [C]
[G] [F] [C] [C]

