

The Boxer

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C $\text{♩} = 160$ Verse 1

Am G

I am just a poor boy though my sto-ry's sel-dom told, I have squan-dered my re - sist-ance for a

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pock-et - ful of mum-bles, such are prom-is - es. All lies and jest, still a man hears what he

16

wants to hear, and dis - re-gards the rest. Hmm. Hmm. When I

Verse 2

26 C

Am G Dm

left my home and my fam - i - ly, I was no more than a boy in the com - pa - ny of stran - gers in the qui - et of a

33

rail - way sta - tion run - ning scared. Lay - ing low, seek - ing out the poor - er

39

quar - ters where the rag - ged peo - ple go. Look - ing for the pla - ces on - ly they would know.

Chorus 1

45

Am G Am

Lie - la - lie, lie - la - lie la lie - la - lie. Lie - la - lie,

51 All women

G F G C

lie - la - lie la la la la lie___ la la la la lie._____ Ask-ing

Vln.

Verse 3

58 C Am G Dm

on - ly work-man's wag-es I come look-ing for a job, but I get no of - fers,_____ just a come-on from the

p

Vln.

65 C + men Am Dm⁷ G F

whores on Sev-enth Av - e - nue._____ I do de - clare, there were times___ when I was so lone-some I

Vln.

72 C G G⁷ C

took some com-fort there. Ooo-la - la___ la la___ la la._____ Lie - la

Vln.

Chorus 3

79 Am G Am G

lie, *f* lie - la - lie la lie-la - lie, Lie - la - lie, lie - la - lie la la la lie

Vln.

86 F G C 1. C 2. C C⁷

- la la la la lie. Lie - la - lie._____ Then I'm

Vln.

Verse 4

93 C G7 C Am G Dm7 G7

lay-ing out my win-ter clothes, and wish-ing I was gone, go-ing home. When the New York Cit-y win

p

Vln.

100 C G C Em Am

- ters are - n't bleed-ing me. Lead-ing me, go - ing

Vln.

107 G C

home. In the

Vln.

Verse 5

114 C Am G G7

clear-ing stands a box-er, and a fight-er by his trade, and he car-ries the re-mind-ers of ev'-ry glove that

p

Vln.

121 C Dm7 G7 C Am G

laid him down. Or cut down 'til he cried out in his an - ger and his shame, "I am leav-ing, I am

Vln.

127 F C G C G F C

leav-ing."but the fight - er still re-mains. Lie - la

Vln.

Chorus 3

Sing/play 3 times

134 Am G Am

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

Vln. *f*

139 G F G C C

lie - la - lie la la la lie - la la la la lie. Lie - la - lie.

Vln.