

**Boxer**  
Paul Simon  
capo 2

**I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I E** **I**  
I am just a poor boy though my story's seldom told I have squandered my resistance for a  
**I E7** **I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I**  
Pocketful of mumbles such are promises all lies and jest still a  
**I E** **D** **I D** **A** **I E** **D** **II: A** **:II**  
Man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest when I

**I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I E** **I**  
Left my home and my family I was no more than a boy in the company of strangers in the  
**I E7** **I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I**  
Quiet of the railway station runnin' scared laying low seeking  
**I E** **D** **I D** **A** **I E** **D** **I A** **I**  
Out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go looking for the places only they would know li la

**I F#m** **I E** **I F#m** **I D** **E** **II: A** **:II**  
Li li la la la li la li li la li la li la li la la la li asking

**I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I E** **I**  
Only workman's wages I come looking for a job but I get no offers just a  
**I E7** **I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I**  
Come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue I do de - clare there were  
**I E** **D** **I D** **A** **I E** **D** **I A** **I**  
Times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there li la la la la la li la

**I F#m** **I E** **I F#m** **I D** **E** **II: A** **:II**  
Li li la la la li la li li la li la li la li la la la li and I'm

**I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I E** **I**  
Laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone goin' home where the  
**I E7** **I A** **I C#m** **I**  
New York City winters aren't bleedin' me leadin' me  
**I F#m** **I E** **I E 2/4** **I A** **I**  
to go home in the

**I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I E** **I**  
Clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade and he carries the reminders of  
**I E7** **I A** **I A /G# F#m** **I**  
Every glove that laid him down or cut him il he cried out in his anger and his shame I am  
**I E** **D** **I D** **A** **I E** **D** **I A** **I**  
Leaving I am leaving but the fighter still re - mains li la

**II: F#m** **I E** **I F#m** **I D** **E** **:II A** **II**  
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