

The Boxer Chords by Simon & Garfunkel

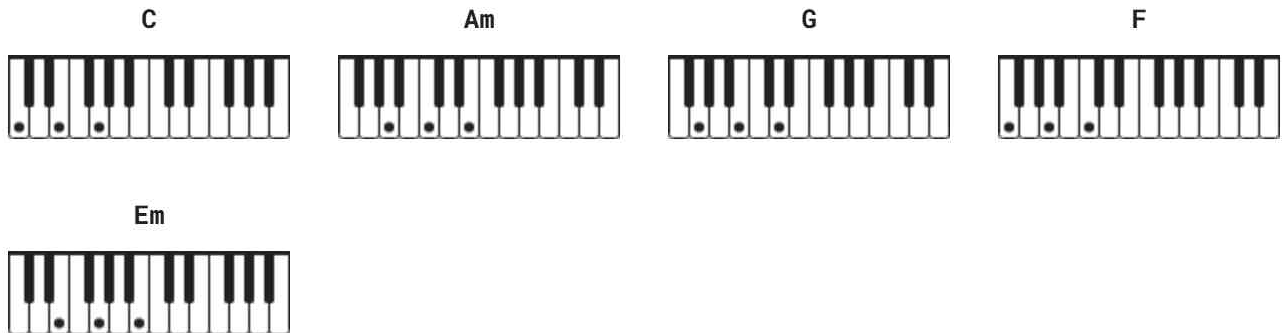


Difficulty: intermediate

Tuning: Eb Ab Db Gb Bb Eb

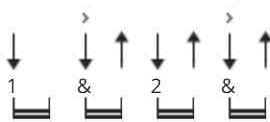
Key: B

CHORDS



STRUMMING

MAIN PATTERN 93 bpm



Tune down your guitar one semi-tone. The studio recording is tuned slightly sharp of a half step down. Try about +20 cents using an electronic tuner.

If you want to play in the original key in standard tuning, transpose this chord sheet and/or use a capo to match the recording:

Transpose	Capo	Play	Key
-3	2nd fret	A	B (studio version)
-5	4th fret	G	B (studio version)
+1	1st fret	C	C# (Live: "Concert in Central Park")
-	-	C	C (Live: "Live 1969", "Old Friends", "Paul Simon in Concert: Live Rhymin'")

[Intro]

| C |

[Verse 1]

C Am
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told
G
I have squandered my resistance
G C
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises
C Am G F
All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear
C G F G C
And disregards the rest

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

[Refrain]

Am
 Lie-la-lie
Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
Am
 Lie la lie
G **C**
 Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

[Verse 2]

C **Am**
 Asking only workmans wages I come looking for a job
G
 But I get no offers
G **C**
 Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue
C **Am** **G** **F** **C**
 I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there
G **C**
 La-la-la-la-la-la-la

[Interlude]

| **C** | **Am** | **G** | |
 | **C** | **Am** | **G** |
 (2/4)
 | **F** | **C** **G** | **F** | **C** |
 (2/4)

Extra verse in live versions

C **Am**
 Now the years are rolling by me, they are rocking evenly
G
 And I am older than I once was
G **C**
 And younger than I'll be, that's not unusual
C **Am** **G** **F** **C**
 No, it isn't strange, after changes upon changes we are more or less the same

G **F** **C**
After changes we are more or less the same

[Refrain]

Am
Lie-la-lie
 Em
Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
Lie la lie
 G **C**
Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

[Verse 3]

C **Am**
Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone
 G **C**
Going home where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me
Em **Am**
 Leading me-e
 G **C**
Going home

C **Am**
In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade
 G
And he carries the reminders
 G **C**
Of ev'ry glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out
 C **Am**
In his anger and his shame
 G **F** **C**
"I am leaving, I am leaving." but the fighter still remains
 G **F G C**
Hm, hm, hm

[Refrain]

Am
Lie-la-lie
 Em
Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
Lie la lie
 G [**Am**]
Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

Am **Em**
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
Lie la lie
 G [**Am**]
Lie-la la la la lie la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [Am]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [Am]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [Am]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [Am]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [Am]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

Am Em
 Lie-la-la-la-la lie-la-lie
 Am
 Lie la lie
 G [C]
 Lie-la la la la la lie la la la la lie

[Outro]

C		Am		G			
C		Am		G			
				(2/4)			
F		C	G		F		C
				(2/4)			