

[Intro]

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[Verse 1]

**C** **Am**  
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told  
**G**  
I have squandered my resistance  
**F** **C**  
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises  
**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  
**F** **C**  
In the quiet of a railway station running scared  
**Am** **G** **F**  
Laying low seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged  
**C**  
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 la lie la la la la lie

[Verse 2]

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

[Interlude]

| **C** | **C Am** | **G** | **G** |  
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| **F** | **C G** | **F** | **C** |

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[Verse 3]

**C**  
Then I'm laying out my winter clothes  
**Am**  
And wishing I was gone

**G** **G7** **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  
**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

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[Outro]

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