

C % % Am
 I'm just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told
 G % G7 G6 (0202) C %
 I have squandered my resistance for a pocketful of mumbles, such are promises
 C Am G F % C
 All lies and jest, still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest
 G % G7 C % % %
 Mm-mm mmmm mm-mm mmmmmm, mmm mm mm mmmmm

C % C Am
 When I left my home and my family, I was no more than a boy
 G % G7 G6 C %
 In the company of strangers, in the quiet of the railway station, runnin' scared
 C Am G F % C
 Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters, where the ragged people go
 G F C %
 Looking for the places only they would know (0201)
 Am % Em % Am % G7 G C % C9 %
 Lie-la-lie lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, lie-la-lie Lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, la-la-la-la-lie

C % % Am
 Asking only workman's wages, I come lookin' for a job
 G % G7 G6 C %
 But I get no offers, just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue
 C Am G F % C
 I do de-clare there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there
 G % G7 C % % %
 ouh-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

C % % Am G %
 Now the years are rolling by me The are rocking easi-ly I am older than I once was
 G7 G6 C % % Am
 And younger than I'll be that's not un-usual No, it isn't strange
 G F % C
 After changes upon changes We are more or less the same
 G F C %
 After changes we are more or less the same (0201)
 || : Am % Em % Am % G7 G :|| C % C9 %
 Lie-la || : lie lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, lie-la-lie Lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, la-la-la-la :|| lie

C % % Am G %
 Then I'm laying out my winter clothes wishing I was gone, going home
 G7 G6 C %
 Where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me
 Em % Am % G % G7 C % % %
 Leading mee-eeeeeee to going home

C % % Am
 In the clearing stands a boxer, and a fighter by his trade
 G % G7 G6 C %
 And he carries the reminders of every glove that laid him down or cut him 'til he cried out
 C Am G F % C
 In his anger and his shame, "I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still re-mains"
 G F C %
 Just still re-mains
 || : Am % Em % Am % G7 G :|| C %
 Lie-la (x 2) || : lie lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, lie-la-lie Lie-la-la-la-lie-la-lie, la-la-la-la :|| lie