

Swift Guitar Lessons

"The Boxer" By Simon and Garfunkle

(177bpm)



Intro: (see pg.3 for tab)

Verse 1:

C (C) C/B Am

I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told

G G7 G6 C (8)

I have squandered my resistance for a pocketful of mumbles, such are promises

C C/B Am G F F C (Riff)

All lies and jest, still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards rest.

G (4) G6 (4) G7(2) G6 (1) G(1) C (16)

(humming...)

Verse 2:

C (C) C/B Am

When I left my home and my family, I was no more than a boy

G G7 G6 C (8)

In the company of strangers, in the quiet of the railway station, running scared

C/B Am G F F C (Riff)

Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go

(Am) G F C (6)

Looking for the places only they would know.

Chorus:

Am Em Am

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

G G/A G/B (Walk) C (16 beats of "Travis pattern")

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

Verse 3:

C C C/B Am

Asking only workman's wages, I come looking for a job

G G7 G6 C (8)

But I get no offers, just a come-on from the whores on 7th Avenue

C C/B Am G F (F) C (Riff)

I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome, I took comfort there

G (4) G6 (4) G7(2) G6 (1) G(1) C (8)

Ooh la la, la la la la.



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Instrumental Break:

C	/ / / /	C	/ / / /	C	/ / / /	C/B	/ / / /	Am	/ / / /
G	/ / / /	G	/ / / /	G	/ / / /	G	/ / / /	G	/ / / /
C	/ / / /	C	/ / / /	C	/ / / /	C/B	/ / / /	Am	/ / / /
G	/ / / /	F/C	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	C (Riff)	/ / / /		
G	/ / / /	F	/ / / /	C	/ / / /	(Root Strum)	/ / /		

Chorus:

Am Em Am
 Lie la lie... lie la la la lie la lie, lie la lie
 G G/A G/B (Walk) C (16 beats of "Travis pattern")
 Lie la la, la la la lie, la la la la lie.

Verse 4:

C (C) C/B Am
 Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone
 G G7 G6 C (8)
 Going home, where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me,
 Em (8) Am (8) G (4) G6 (4) G7(2) G6 (1) G(1) C (16)
 Leading me... going home.

Verse 5:

C (C) C/B Am
 In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade
 G G7
 And he carries the reminders of every glove that laid him down
 C (C) C/B Am
 Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame
 G F C (Riff) G (4) F (4) C (6)
 "I am leaving, I am leaving," but the fighter still remains, mmm mmm



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Outro:

Am Em
Lie la lie... lie la la la lie lie

Am G
Lie la lie... la la lie la la la Lie la la la lah *(Repeat 8x)*
(9th repetition resolves)

Am Em
Lie la lie... lie la la la lie lie
Am G G/A G/B (Walk) C
Lie la lie... la la lie la la la Lie la la la lah

Closing Chords:

(C) /// | /// | C // C/B // | Am /// | G /// | % | % | % |

C /// | /// | C // C/B // | Am /// | G /// | F /// | F ///
(Riff)

C // B/G / Am / | G /// | F /// | C /// | C / G / C // |

Intro Tablature:

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E | ---3-p0---0---0---0---0--- |
B | -----3-----3-----3-----3----1-----1---- |
G | -----3-----0-----0-----3-p0----- |
D | ----- |
A | ----- |
E | ----- |
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Outside-Inside Finger style Pattern w/ Alternating Bass: For A String rooted chords like C, and Am.

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E | ----- |
B | -•-----•----- |
G | -----•-----•----- |
D | -----•-----•----- |
A | -•----- |
E | -----•----- |
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Alternative Travis Pattern: (Note: remember to adjust your bass notes for E string rooted chords like G)

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E | ----- |
B | -•-----•----- |
G | -----•-----•----- |
D | -----•-----•----- |
A | -•----- |
E | -----•----- |
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