

Boxing

Words and Music by
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Moderate waltz $\text{♩} = 42$

p
(with pedal)

Verse 1:

1. How - ard, the strang - est things have hap - pened late - ly when

mp

I take a good swing and all my dreams, — they

Gm F#dim7 Fm7

piv - ot and slip; I drop my _____ fists and they're back _____ laugh - ing.

molto rit.

Verses 2 & 3:

Bb Bb+ Eb Eb Bb Bb+

2. How - ard, my in - ten - tions be - come not to lose what I've

3. See additional lyrics

mf
a tempo

Eb Eb Bb Bb+ Eb F#dim7

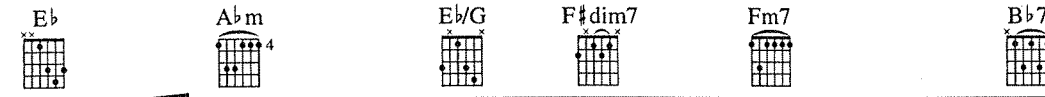
won. Am - bi - tion has giv - en way to des - per -

Gm F#dim7 Fm7 Bb7 Bb7(5)

a - tion and I _____ have lost the _____ fight from my eyes. _____

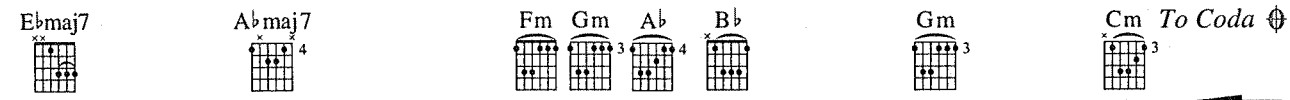
rit.

♩ Chorus:




Box - ing's been good to me, How - ard, now I'm told___ "You're

f a tempo

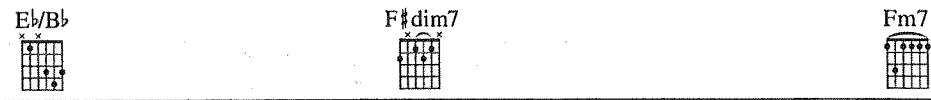


grow - ing old."___ The whole time we knew a cou-ple of years___ I'd be



through. Has box - ing been good to you?

dim. *mp*



8va

Bb13 Bb7(#5) Eb

(8va)-----
loco

2. *Bridge:*

Eb Eb Gb6

Well, some - times I punch my - self

cresc. *mf*

Cb Gbmaj7 Cbmaj7 Abm7

hard as I can... yell - ing "No - bod - y cares," hop - ing some - one will tell me how

D.S. al Coda

Emaj9 Fm7 Bb7 Bb7(#5)

wrong I am, How - ard.

rit. molto rit.

♩ *Coda*

Freely

Fm7 Bb13 Bb7(#5) Bb13 Bb7(#5) Fm7 Bb7(#5)

through. Has box - ing been good? Has box - ing been good? Has box - ing been good?

rit. e dim. p

Eb Abm Eb/G F#dim7 Fm7 Bb13 Bb7(#5) Eb

mp a tempo rit.

Verse 2:

Howard, now I confess
 I'm scared and lonely and tired.
 Everyone says I'm made of clay,
 That I've had my day,
 That I'm not cut out for this,
 I just know what to say.
 And I say . . .
 (To Chorus:)