

Mr Bojangles

Words & Music by Jerry Jeff Walker

Capo 2nd Fret - Pick the bass notes after the slashes where shown

Intro

3/4 | C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | X3

Verse One

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | F | F | G | G
Knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you, in worn out shoes

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | F | F | G | G
With silver hair a ragged shirt and baggy pants the old soft shoe

| F | F | C | E7 | Am | Am7/G | D/F# | D/F# | G (4bars)
He jumped so high, he jumped so high, he lightly touched down

Chorus

| Am | Am | G | G | Am | Am | G | G
Mister Bojangles, Mister Bojangles

| Am | Am | G | G | C | C/B | Am7 | C/G
Mister Bojangles, dance

Verse Two

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | F | F | G | G
I met him in a cell in New Orleans I was down and out

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | F | F | G | G
He looked to me to be the eyes of age he spoke right out

| F | F | C | E7 | Am | Am7/G | D/F# | D/F# | G (4bars)
He talked of life, he talked of life, he laughed slapped his leg a step

Verse Three

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G | F | F | G | G
He said the name Bojangles then he danced a lick, across the cell

| C | C/B | Am7 | C/G
Grabbed his pants a better stance oh he jumped up high

| F | F | G | G
He clicked his heels

| F | F | C | E7 | Am | Am7/G | D/F# | D/F# | G (4bars)
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh, shook back his clothes all around

Chorus

|Am |Am |G |G |Am |Am |G |G
Mister Bojangles, Mister Bojangles
|Am |Am |G |G |C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
Mister Bojangles, dance

Verse Four

|C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs
|F |F |G |G
Throughout the south
|C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
He spoke with tears of fifteen years how his dog and him
|F |F |G |G
They traveled about
|F |F |C |E7 |Am |Am7/G
His dog up and died, he up and died
|D/F# |D/F# |G (4bars)
It's twenty years he still grieves

Verse Five

|C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
He said, "I dance now at every chance in honky tonks
|F |F |G |G
For drinks and tips
|C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
But most the time I spend behind these county bars,
|F |F |G |G
'cause I drink a bit"
|F |F |C |E7 |Am |Am7/G
He shook his head and as he shook his head
|D/F# |D/F# |G (4bars)
I heard someone ask please

Chorus Instrumental over Verse and Chorus chords

|Am |Am |G |G |Am |Am |G |G
Mister Bojangles, Mister Bojangles
|Am |Am |G |G |C |C/B |Am7 |C/G
Mister Bojangles, dance

Instrumental over Verse and Chorus chords Verse One then Chorus finally ending on C