

Sultans Of Swing

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Medium bright rock

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *mf*. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

Dm

Guitar chord diagram for Dm: fret 2, strings 2, 3, 4, 5 are played (x, x, 0, x, x).

C

Guitar chord diagram for C: fret 0, strings 2, 3, 4, 5 are played (x, 0, 0, x, 0).

Bb

Guitar chord diagram for Bb: fret 1, strings 2, 3, 4, 5 are played (x, x, x, x, x).

The first system contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first verse. The vocal line starts with a double bar line and then continues. The piano accompaniment follows the same structure. The lyrics are: 1. You get a shiv - er in the dark, it's rain - ing in the park, but mean - 2. step in - side but you don't see too man - y fac -

A7

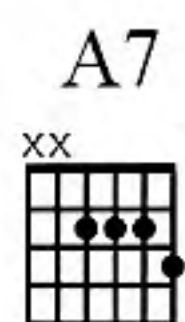
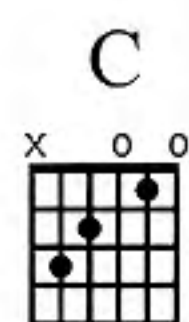
Guitar chord diagram for A7: fret 2, strings 2, 3, 4, 5 are played (x, x, x, x, x).

Dm

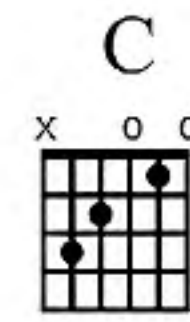
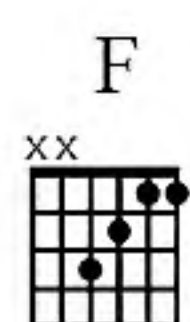
Guitar chord diagram for Dm: fret 2, strings 2, 3, 4, 5 are played (x, x, 0, x, x).

The second system contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the second verse. The vocal line starts with a double bar line and then continues. The piano accompaniment follows the same structure. The lyrics are: - time, south of the riv - er you stop - es com-in' in out of the rain

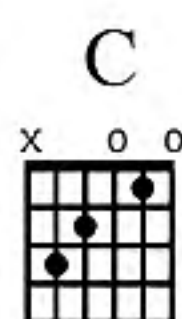
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and you hold ev - 'ry - thing. —
— to hear the jazz go down. —



A band is blow - in' Dix - ie dou - ble four — time.
Too much com - pe - ti - tion, too man - y oth - er plac - es,



You feel all right when you hear that mu - sic ring. —
but not too ma - ny horns can make that

CODA

Guitar ad lib.

Repeat and fade

Additional Verses

3. You check out Guitar George, he knows all the chords.
Mind he's strictly rhythm, he doesn't want to make it cry or sing.
An old guitar is all he can afford,
when he gets up under the lights, to play his thing.
4. And Harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene.
He's got a daytime job and he's doin' all right.
He can play honky-tonk just like anything,
savin' it up for Friday night
with the Sultans, with the Sultans of swing.
5. And a crowd of young boys, they're foolin' around in the corner,
drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles.
They don't give a damn about any trumpet playin' band;
it ain't what they call rock and roll.
And the Sultans of swing played Creole.
6. *Instrumental*
7. And then The Man, he steps right up to the microphone
and says, at last, just as the time-bell rings:
"Thank you, good night, now it's time to go home."
And he make it fast with one more thing:
"We are the Sultans of Swing."
(To Coda)