

13-Mr. Bojangles v-05/01/25

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(X) = Individual notes

(Larry starts, then Gary joins)

[C]/// [C/B]/// [Am]/// [(G)] / [(A)] / [(B)] /
[C]/// [C/B]/// [Am]/// [(G)] / [(A)] / [(B)] /

(Verse 1 - Brian)

I [C]knew a man [C/B]Bojangles and he [Am]danced for you,
[C/G] [F] in worn-out [G]shoes.
With [C]silver hair a [C/B]ragged shirt and [Am]baggy pants,
[C/G] [F] the old soft [G]shoe
[F]He jumped so [C]high, [E7]jumped so [Am]high, [C/G]
[D7/Gb] Then he lightly touched [G]down.
[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Chorus - All)

[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,
[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles, [C]dance. [C/B] [Am] [C/G]

(Verse 2 - Brian)

I m[C]et him in a [C/B]cell in[Am] New Orleans[C/G]
[F] I was down and [G]out.
He [C]looked at me to [C/B]be the [Am]eyes of age
[C/G] as h[F]e spoke right out. [G]
[F]He talked of [C]life,[E7] talked of [Am]life, [C/G]
[D7/Gb] he laughed slapped his leg a s[G]tep.
[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Verse 3 - Brian)

[C]He said his name, [C/B]Bojangles, then he [Am]danced a lick,
[C/G] [F] across the [G]cell.
He [C]grabbed his pants for[C/B] better stance oh he [Am]jumped up high,
[C/G] [F] He clicked his [G]heels,
[F]He let go a [C]laugh,[E7] let go a [Am]laugh, [C/G]
[D7/Gb] shook back his clothes all a[G]round.

[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Chorus - All)

[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,
[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles, [C]dance. [C/B] [Am] [C/G]

(Lead Break - Marty & Brian)

(Marty)

[C]He said his name, [C/B]Bojangles, then he [Am]danced a lick,
[C/G] acr[F]oss t[G]he cell.
[C] He grabbed his pants[C/B] for better stance oh he[Am] jumped up high
[C/G], He [F]clicked his [G]heels,

(Brian)

[F] He let go a[C] laugh[E7], let go a[Am] laugh,[C/G]
[D7/Gb] shook back his clothes all a[G]round.
[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Verse 4 - Brian)

[C]He danced for those at [C/B]minstrel shows and [Am]county fairs
[C/G] [F] Throughout the [G]south.
[C]He spoke with tears of [C/B]fifteen years how his [Am]dog and him
[C/G] [F] Traveled [G]about.
[F]His dog up and [C]died,[E7] he up and [Am]died, [C/G]
[D7/Gb] After twenty years he still g[G]rieves,
[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Chorus - All)

[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles,
[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles, [C]dance. [C/B] [Am] [C/G]

(Lead Break - Gary & Larry)

(Gary)

[C]He said his name, [C/B]Bojangles, then he [Am]danced a lick,
[C/G] acr[F]oss t[G]he cell.
[C] He grabbed his pants[C/B] for better stance oh he[Am] jumped up high
[C/G], He [F]clicked his he[G]els,

(Larry)

[F] He let go a[C] laugh[E7], let go a[Am] laugh,[C/G]
[D7/Gb] shook back his clothes all a[G]round.
[G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Verse 5 - Brian)

[C]He said, "I dance now at [C/B]every chance in h[Am]onkytonk[C/G]s
[F] For drinks and [G]tips.
[C]But most of the time I [C/B]spend behind these [Am]county bars,
[C/G]" [F]"Cause I drinks a [G]bit."
[F]He shook his [C]head and as he [E7]shook his [Am]head, [C/G]
[D7/Gb] I heard someone ask, p[G]lease, [G/E] [G/F] [G/E]

(Chorus - All)

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[Am] Mister Bo[G]jangles, [C]dance.
[C/B]/// [Am]///[(G)] / [(A)] / [(B)] /

[C]/// [C/B]/// [Am]/// [(G)] / [(A)] / [(B)] /

(Brian)

I [C]knew a man [C/B]Bojangles and he [Am]danced for you
[C/G]/// [F]/// [G]/// C(Hold)/