

13-Mr. Bojangles v-08/07/25

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(X) = Individual notes

(Larry starts, then Gary joins)

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

(Lead Break - Marty & Brian)

[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,

[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 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 - Gary & Larry)

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[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]

(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.

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[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)/