

Mr. Bojangles

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Key of D

3/4

D D/C# D/B D/A D D/C# D/B D/A
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D D/C# D/B D/A G A
I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you, in worn-out shoes.
D D/C# D/B D/A G A
With silver hair a ragged shirt and baggy pants, the old soft shoe
G D F#7 Bm D/A
He jumped so high, jumped so high,
E/G# A
Then he lightly touched down.

Bm A Bm A Bm A D D/C# D/B D/A
Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance.

D D/C# D/B D/A G A
I met him in a cell in New Orleans I was down and out.
D D/C# D/B D/A G A
He looked at me to be the eyes of age as he spoke right out.
G D F#7 Bm D/A
He talked of life, talked of life,
E/G# A
he laughed slapped his leg a step.

D D/C# D/B D/A G A
He said his name, Bojangles, then he danced a lick, across the cell.
D D/C# D/B D/A G
He grabbed his pants for better stance oh he jumped up high, He clicked his
A
heels,
G D F#7 Bm D/A
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh,

E/G#

A

shook back his clothes all around.

Bm

A

Bm

A

Bm

A

D

D/C# D/B D/A

Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance

D

D/C#

D/B

D/A G

He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs Throughout the

A

south.

D

D/C#

D/B

D/A G

A

He spoke with tears of fifteen years how his dog and him Traveled about.

G

D

F#7

Bm

D/A

His dog up and died, he up and died,

E/G#

A

After twenty years he still grieves,

D

D/C#

D/B

D/A G

A

He said, "I dance now at every chance in honkytonks For drinks and tips.

D

D/C#

D/B

D/A G

A

But most of the time I spend behind these county bars," "I drinks a bit."

G

D

F#7

Bm

D/A

He shook his head and as he shook his head,

E/G#

A

I heard someone ask, please,

Bm

A

Bm

A

Bm

A

D

D/C# D/B D/A

Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance.

Bm

A

Bm

A

Bm

A

D

D/C# D/B D/A D

Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance.