

Mr. Bojangles

Key of C

3/4

Jerry Jeff Walker - 1968

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Intro-Larry

Verse 1-Brian

Chorus-everyone

Break 1-Brian and Marty (Marty plays first two lines of verse,
Brian plays next two lines and chorus)

Verse 2-Brian

Verse 3-Brian

Chorus-everyone

Break 2-Gary and Larry

Verse 4-Brian

Verse 5-Brian

Outro-chorus

C C/B Am C/G C C/B Am C/G

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(Verse 1)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Verse 2)

C C/B Am C/G F G
I met him in a cell in New Orleans I was down and out.
C C/B Am C/G F G
He looked at me to be the eyes of age as he spoke right out.
F C E7 Am C/G
He talked of life, talked of life,
D7/F# G G/E G/F G/E
he laughed slapped his leg a step.

(Lead Break 1)

(Marty)

C **C/B** **Am** **C/G F** **G**
He said his name, Bojangles, then he danced a lick, across the cell.
C **C/B** **Am** **C/G F** **G**
He grabbed his pants for better stance oh he jumped up high, He clicked his heels,

(Brian)

F **C** **E7** **Am** **C/G**
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh,
D7/F# **G** **G/E G/F G/E**
shook back his clothes all around.

(Brian)

Am **G** **Am** **G** **Am** **G** **C** **C/B Am C/G**
Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance

(Verse 3)

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

(Chorus)

Am **G** **Am** **G** **Am** **G** **C** **C/B Am C/G**
Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, Mister Bo jangles, dance

(Lead Break 2)

(Gary or Larry)

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

Am G Am G Am G C C/B Am C/G

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

(Verse 4)

C C/B Am C/G F G
He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs Throughout the south.

C C/B Am C/G F G
He spoke with tears of fifteen years how his dog and him Traveled about.

F C E7 Am C/G

His dog up and died, he up and died,

D7/F# G G/E G/F G/E

After twenty years he still grieves,

(Verse 5)

C C/B Am C/G F G
He said, "I dance now at every chance in honkytonks For drinks and tips.

C C/B Am C/G F G
But most of the time I spend behind these county bars," "Cause I drinks a bit."

F C E7 Am C/G

He shook his head and as he shook his head,

D7/F# G G/E G/F G/E

I heard someone ask, please,

(Outro)

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

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

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

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