

Mr. Bojangles

Jerry Jeff Walker - 1968

Intro-Larry; then Gary joins in

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 (same split as break 1)

Verse 4-Brian

Verse 5-Brian

Outro-chorus, then Brian repeat first line (I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you)

(Larry starts, then Gary joins)

[C]/// [C/B]/// [Am]/// [C/G]/// [C] /// [C/B] /// [Am] /// [C/G] ///

(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 d[G]own. [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 New [Am]Orleans I was [C/G] [F] down and [G]out.
He [C]looked at me to [C/B]be the [Am]eyes of age [C/G] [F] as he spoke right [G]out.
[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]

(Lead Break 1)

(Marty)

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

(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 3 - Brian)

[C]He said his name, [C/B]Bojangles, then he [Am]danced a lick,[C/G] [F] across the [G]cell.
[C]He grabbed his pants [C/B]for 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 2)

(Gary & Larry)

[C]He said his name, [C/B]Bojangles, then he [Am]danced a lick,[C/G] [F] across the [G]cell.

[C] He grabbed his pants[C/B] for 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]

(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]onkytonks [C/G] [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]

(Outro - All)

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

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

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

(Brian)

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