

Mr. Bojangles

Jerry Jeff Walker - 1968

Key of C

3/4

(Larry starts, then Gary joins)

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

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(Verse 1 - Brian)

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 - All)

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

(Verse 2 - Brian)

C C/B Am C/GF 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.

(Chorus - All)

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

(Verse 3 - Brian)

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 - All)

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 & 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.

(Chorus - All)

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

(Verse 4 - Brian)

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 - Brian)

C **C/B** **Am** **C/GF** **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 - All)

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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(Brian)

C **C/B** **Am** **C/G** **F** **G** **C(Hold)**

I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you /// /// /// /