



Nitty Gritty Dirt Band - Mister Bojangles

**Key: C Major | Tempo: 77 or 154 | Standard Chords | Baritone Chords
Strumming Pattern: DDUDU (3/4) | Count: 1, 2&, 3&**

INTRO: C (1x) - Em (1x) - Am (2x)

VERSE:

C (1x) Em (1x) Am (2x) F (2x) G7 (2x)
I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you in worn out shoes
C (1x) Em (1x) Am (2x) F (2x) G7 (2x)
With silver hair, a ragged shirt, and baggy pants, the old soft shoe
F (2x) C (1x) E7 (1x) Am (2x)
He jumped so high....jumped so high.....
D7 (2x) G (2x) G7 (2x)
Then he lightly touched down

CHORUS:

Am (2x) G (2x) Am (2x) G (2x)
Mister Bojangles, Mister Bojangles
Am (2x) G (2x) C (1x) Em (1x) Am (2x)
Mister Bojangles, dance.

VERSE II:

C (1x) Em (1x) Am (2x) F (2x) G7 (2x)
I met him in a cell in New Orleans, he was down and out
C (1x) Em (1x) Am (2x) F (2x) G7 (2x)
He looked to me to be the eyes of age, and he spoke right out
F (2x) C (1x) E7 (1x) Am (2x)
He talked of life, he talked of life,
D7 (2x) G (2x) G7 (2x)
He laughed clicked his heels and stepped

CHORUS:

Additional Lyrics:

He said his name "Bojangles" and he danced a lick across the cell
He grabbed his pants and spread his stance,
Oh he jumped so high and then he clicked his heels
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh
and shook back his clothes all around

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles
Mr. Bojangles, dance

He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs
throughout the south
He spoke through tears of 15 years how his dog and him
traveled about
The dog up and died, he up and died
And after 20 years he still grieves

He said I dance now at every chance in honky tonks
for drinks and tips
But most the time I spend behind these county bars
'cause I drinks a bit
He shook his head, and as he shook his head
I heard someone ask him please

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles
Mr. Bojangles, dance..