

Mr. Bojangles by Jerry Jeff Walker (1968)

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B -----
G -----
D -----
A -----0---2---
E -----3-----
notes: G A B

Option:

Play these notes before each **C** chords at the beginning of lines 1 & 2 in each verse and before each **Am** chord in the chorus.

Verse 1:

Play intro notes then:

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

Chorus:

notes: ** G A B play before every Am chord

Am **G** **Am** **G** **Am** **G** **C**
Mister Bo-jangles, Mister Bo-jangles, Mister Bo-jangles, dance.

Verse 2:

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

Chorus

Verse 3:

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

Chorus

Verse 4:

C He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs **Am** **F** throughout the
G south.

C He spoke with tears of fifteen years how his dog and he **Am** **F** **G** traveled about.

F **C** **E7** **Am** **D7** **G**
His dog up and died, up and died, twenty years he still grieves.

Chorus

Verse 5:

C He said, "I dance at ev'ry chance in honky tonks **Am** **F** for drinks and
G tips.

C Most of the time I spend behind these county bars," He said, **Am** **F** "I drinks a
G bit."

F **C** **E7** **Am** **D7** **G**
He shook his head and as he shook his head, someone asked him please...

Chorus x 2 end on **C**