

Mr. Bojangles - Jerry Jeff Walker (3/4 and 6/8 - Capo 2nd fret)

Introduction: C, C/B, Am, Am/G

C C/B Am Am/G
I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you

F F G G
In worn out shoes

C C/B Am Am/G
Silver hair, ragged shirt and baggy pants

F F G G
That old soft shoe

F F C E Am Am/G
He jumped so high, he jumped so high.

D7 D7 G G G7 G7
Then he lightly touched down

Chorus:

Am ' G ' Am ' G ' Am ' G '
Mr. Bojangles!! Mr. Bojangles!! Mr. Bojangles!!

C C/B Am Am/G
Dance.

I met him in a cell in New Orleans
I was down and out
He looked to me to be the eye of age
as he spoke right out
He talked of life, he talked of life,
laughs slapped his leg stale

He said the name Bojangles and he danced a lick
all across the cell
He grabbed his pants for a better stance,
oh he jumped so high and he clicked up his heels
He let go laugh, he let go laugh,
shook back his clothes all around

Chorus

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

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

Chorus (fade out)