

Mr. Bojangles (Fingerstyle) - Jerry Jeff Walker (3/4 - Capo 2nd Fret)

Intro:

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C G Am Am/G

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|---1-1-1-1-|---0-0-0-0-|---1-1-1-1-|-----|
G|---0-0-0-0-|---0-0-0-0-|---2-2-2-2-|-----0-|
D|---2-2-2-2-|---0-0-0-0-|---2-2-2-2-|-----0-|
A|-3-3-3-3-3-|-2-----|-0-----|---0h2-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-3-----|

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C G Am Am/G

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|---1-1-1-1-|---0-0-0-0-|---1-1-1-1-|-0-1-3-|
G|---0-0-0-0-|---0-0-0-0-|---2-2-2-2-|-----|
D|---2-2-2-2-|---0-0-0-0-|---2-2-2-2-|-----|
A|-3-----|-2-----|-0-----|---0-2-|
E|-----|-----|-----|-3-----|

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Verse:

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C G Am Am/G

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e|-0---0---|-0---0---|-0-----|-----|
B|-1-3---3-|-0-3---3-|-1-3-1-|-----|
G|-----|-----0---|-----|-----2-|
D|-----2---|-----|-----|---2---|
A|-3-----|-2-----|-0-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-3-----|

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I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you

F G

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e|-1-1-1-|s5-5-3-|-3-----|-----|
B|-1-1-1-|-----|-0-----|-0-1-3-|
G|-2-2-2-|s5-5-4-|-----0---|-0-----|
D|-3-3-3-|-----|---0-----|-----|
A|-3-3-3-|-----|-----|---0-2-|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-3-----|

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In worn out shoes

C G Am Am/G

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e|-0---0---|-0---0---|-0-----|-----|
B|-1-3---3-|-0-3---3-|-1-3-1-|-----|
G|-----|-----0---|-----|-----2-|
D|-----2---|-----|-----|---2---|
A|-3-----|-2-----|-0-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-3-----|

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Silver hair, ragged shirt and baggy pants

F G

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e|-1-1-1-|s5-5-3-|-3-----|-----|
B|-1-1-1-|-----|-0-----0-|-----0-|
G|-2-2-2-|s5-5-4-|-----0---|-----0---|
D|-3-3-3-|-----|---0-----|---0-----|
A|-3-3-3-|-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-3-----|
That old soft shoe
    
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F C E7 Am Am7/G

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e|-5-----|-5-5-7-|-3-----|-0-0---|-----|-----|
B|-6-----6-|-6-----|-1-----1-|-0---3-|-1-----1-|-----1-|
G|-----5---|-----|-----0---|-1---1-|-2---2---|-----2---|
D|---7-----|-----|---2-----|-----|---2-----|---2-----|
A|-5-----|-5-----|-3-----|-----|-0-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-0-----|-----|-----|-3-----|
He jumped so high, he jumped so high.
    
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D7 G G7

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e|-----0-|-0-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|---3---|---3-1-|-0-----0-|-----0---|-----0---|-----|
G|---2---|-----|-----0---|-----0---0-|-----0---0-|---0-----|
D|-----|-----|---0-----|0h2-----|2h3-----|-2-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|-2-----|-2-----|-3-----|-----|-----|-----0-3-|
Then he lightly touched down
    
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Chorus:  
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Am G

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e|-----|-5-5-7-|-3p0-----|-----|
B|h1---1---|-5-----|-----3---|-3-----|
G|h2-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|h2-----2-|-----|-----|---0-----|
A|-0-----|-0-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-----0-3-|
Mr. Bojangles
    
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Am G

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    | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----|-5-5-7-|-3p0-----|-----|
B|h1---1---|-5-----|-----3---|-3-----|
G|h2-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|h2-----2-|-----|-----|---0-----|
A|-0-----|-0-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-3-----|-----0-3-|
Mr. Bojangles
    
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      Am              G
      | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
e|-----| -5-5-7-| -3p0-----| -0-----|
B|h1---1---| -5-----| -----3---| -----|
G|h2-----| -----| -----| -----|
D|h2-----2-| -----| -----| -----|
A|-0-----| -0-----| -----| -----|
E|-----| -----| -3-----| -----|

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Mr. Bojangles

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      C              G              Am              Am/G
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e|-----| -----| -----| -----|
B|---1-1-1-1-| ---0-0-0-0-| ---1-1-1-1-| -----|
G|---0-0-0-0-| ---0-0-0-0-| ---2-2-2-2-| -----0-|
D|---2-2-2-2-| ---0-0-0-0-| ---2-2-2-2-| -----0-|
A|-3-3-3-3-3-| -2-----| -0-----| ---0h2-|
E|-----| -----| -----| -3-----|

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End

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e|-0-----|
B|-0-----|
G|-5-----|
D|-7-----|
A|-0-----|
E|-0-----|

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Lyrics and Chords:

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Intro: C, C/B, Am, Am/G (2 times)

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      C              C/B              Am              Am/G
I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you
      F '          G '
In worn out shoes
      C              C/B              Am              Am/G
Silver hair, ragged shirt and baggy pants
      F '          G '
That old soft shoe
      F '          C              E              Am              Am/G
He jumped so high, he jumped so high.
      D7 '          G '          G7 '
Then he lightly touched down

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Chorus:

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      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

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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)

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Lesson and Tab by Helmut Bickel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tj1A7BqCTYc>

Mr. Bojangles is the title of a song originally written and recorded by American country music artist Jerry Jeff Walker for his 1968 album of the same title. Since then, it has been recorded by many other artists, including American country music band The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, whose version (recorded for the 1970 album Uncle Charlie & His Dog Teddy) was issued as a single and rose to number nine on the Billboard Hot 100 pop chart in 1971. A live version of the song appeared on Walker's 1980 album The Best of Jerry Jeff Walker.