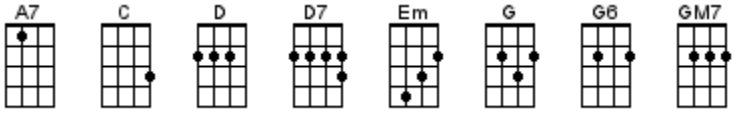
Mr. Bojangles v1

Jerry Jeff Walker 1968



INTRO: (<u>Waltz Strum</u>) [G] [GM7] [G6] [GM7]
I **[G]** knew a man Bo-**[GM7]**jangles and he'd **[G6]** dance for you **[GM7]**
[C] In **[C]** worn out **[D7]** shoes **[D7]**
With **[G]** silver hair, a **[GM7]** ragged shirt and **[G6]** baggy pants **[GM7]**
[C] The **[C]** old soft **[D7]** shoe **[D7]**
[C] He **[C]** jumped so **[G]** high **[G]** jumped so **[Em]** high **[G6]**
[A7] Then he **[A7]** lightly touched **[D7]** down **[D7] [D7] [D7]**

Chorus: [Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D] [Em] [Em]** Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D]**
[Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D][G]** Dance **[GM7] [G6] [GM7]**

I **[G]** met him in a **[GM7]** cell in New Or-**[G6]**leans I was **[GM7]**
[C] [C] Down and **[D7]** out **[D7]**
He **[G]** looked to me to **[GM7]** be, the **[G6]** eyes of age **[GM7]**
[C] As he **[C]** spoke right **[D7]** out **[D7]**
[C] [C] He talked of **[G]** life **[G]** talked of **[Em]** life **[G6]**
[A7] [A7] He laughed, he slapped his leg **[D7]** instead **[D7] [D7] [D7]**

He **[G]** said his name "Bo-**[GM7]**jangles" and he **[G6]** danced a lick **[GM7]**
[C] A-**[C]**cross the **[D7]** cell **[D7]**
He **[G]** grabbed his pants and **[GM7]** spread his stance
Oh he **[G6]** jumped so high **[GM7]**
[C] [C] He clicked his **[D7]** heels **[D7]**
[C] [C] He let go a **[G]** laugh **[G]** let go a **[Em]** laugh **[G6]**
[A7] And shook **[A7]** back his clothes all a-**[D7]**round **[D7] [D7] [D7]**

Chorus: [Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D] [Em] [Em]** Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D]**
[Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D][G]** Dance **[GM7] [G6] [GM7]**

He **[G]** danced for those at **[GM7]** minstrel shows and **[G6]** county fairs **[GM7]**
[C] Through-**[C]**out the **[D7]** south **[D7]**
He **[G]** spoke through tears of **[GM7]** fifteen years
How his **[G6]** dog and him **[GM7]**
[C] [C] Traveled a-**[D7]**bout **[D7]**
[C] [C] The dog up and **[G]** died **[G]** he up and **[Em]** died **[G6]**
[A7] And after twenty **[A7]** years he still **[D7]** grieves **[D7] [D7] [D7]**

He **[G]** said "I dance now at **[GM7]** every chance in **[G6]** honky tonks **[GM7]**
[C] For **[C]** drinks and **[D7]** tips **[D7]**
But **[G]** most the time I **[GM7]** spend behind these **[G6]** county bars **[GM7]**
[C] 'Cuz I **[C]** drinks a **[D7]** bit" **[D7]**
[C] [C] He shook his **[G]** head, and **[G]** as he shook his **[Em]** head **[G6]**
[A7] I heard **[A7]** someone ask **[D7]** please **[D7] [D7] [D7]**

Chorus: [Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D] [Em] [Em]** Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D]**
[Em] [Em] Mr. Bo-**[D]**jangles **[D][G]** Dance **[GM7] [G6] [GM7↓]**