

Mr. Bojangles

Jerry Jeff Walker

as performed by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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

In worn out shoes

C C/B Am Am/G F
With silver hair a ragged shirt and baggy pants
G F

The old soft shoe

F Em Em7 Am D7
He jumped so high, jumped so high
G7

Then he'd lightly touch down.

(CHORUS)

Am G Am G Am G C C/B Am Am/G
Mr. Bojangles Mr. Bojangles Mr. Bojangles dance!

C C/B Am Am/G F
I met him in a cell in New Orleans
G

I was down and out

C C/B Am Am/G F
He looked to me to be the eyes of age
G

As he spoke right out

F Em Em7 Am
He talked of life, talked of life,
D7 G7

He laughed, slapped his leg a step

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C C/B Am Am/G F
He said his name Bojangles then he danced a lick
G
Across the cell
C C/B Am Am/G F
He grabbed his pants, a better stance, o he jumped so high,
G
And he clicked his heels
F Em Em7 Am Am/G
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh,
D7 G7
Shook back his clothes all around

(CHORUS)

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C C/B Am Am/G F
He danced for those at minstrel shows & county fairs,
G
Throughout the south
C C/B Am Am/G F
He spoke with tears of 15 years how his dog and him
G
Traveled about
F Em Em7 Am Am7/G
His dog up and died, up and died,
D7 G7
After 20 years he still grieves

(CHORUS)

Am G Am G Am G C
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