

Guitar Repertoire

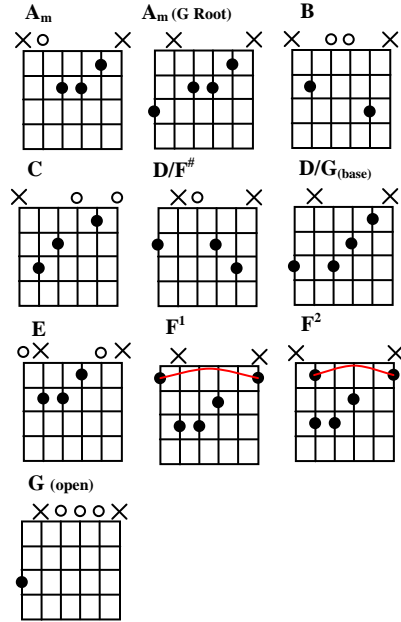
MR. BOJANGLES

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Verse 1

G C B

C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 I knew a man Bojangles and he danced for you,
F¹ F² G (open) GCB
 In worn out shoes.
C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 With silver hair, a ragged shirt and baggy pants,
F¹ F² G (open) G→F
 He did the old soft shoe.
F¹ F² C E A_m A_m (G Root)
 He jumped so high, jumped so high,
D/F[#] D/F[#] D/G (base) G (open)
 Then he lightly touched down.



Chorus

A_m G (open) A_m G (open) A_m G (open) C
 Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance.

Verse 2

C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 I met him in a cell in New Orleans,
F¹ F² G (open) GCB
 I was down and out.
C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He looked at me to be the eyes of age,
F¹ F² G (open) G→F
 As he spoke right out.
F¹ F² C E A_m A_m (G Root)
 He talked of life, talked of life,
D/F[#] D/F[#] D/G (base) G (open)
 He laughed and slapped his leg a step.

Verse 3

C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He said his name, Bojangles, then he danced a lick,
F¹ F² G (open) GCB
 Across the cell.
C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He grabbed his pants, a better stance,
F¹ F² G (open) G→F
 Oh, he jumped up high.
F¹ F² C E A_m A_m (G Root)
 He clicked his heels, he let go a laugh, let go a laugh,
D/F[#] D/F[#] D/G (base) G (open)
 Shook back his clothes all around.

Chorus

Chorus

Verse 4

C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs,
F¹ F² G (open) GCB
 Throughout the south.
C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He spoke with tears of fifteen years,
F¹ F² G (open) G→F
 How his dog and he travelled about.
F¹ F² C E A_m A_m (G Root)
 His dog up and died, up and died,
D/F[#] D/F[#] D/G (base) G (open)
 After twenty years he still grieved.

Verse 5

C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 He said, "I dance now at every chance in honky tonks,
F¹ F² G (open) GCB
 For drinks and tips.
C B A_m A_m (G Root)
 But most of my time is spent behind these country bars,
F¹ F² G (open) G→F
 He said "I drinks a bit".
F¹ F² C E A_m A_m (G Root)
 He shook his head, he shook his head,
D/F[#] D/F[#] D/G (base) G (open)
 I heard someone ask him please.

Chorus

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